

Lethal Weapons!

Chicago Tribune

Thrown Turnip kills Londoner

London (AP)—Police said Wednesday they were investigating the death of a man who was fatally injured after being hit by a turnip that was thrown from a passing car.

MILITARY RECRUITMENT

Marian Henriquez Neudel

THE FLIES IN THE CONTRACT

The special travel, training, and high-tech programs that attract most youngsters to military service are hedged with restrictions. Flight training programs, for instance, have physical fitness requirements beyond the usual enlistment standards. Many specialized training programs require a passing grade on a qualifying exam. Many high-tech programs require a security clearance, which may be jeopardized even by what many consider normal teenage drinking not to mention a juvenile court record or a previous drug problem. And unless the contract specifically states that the recruit will be released from service if she or he fails to meet these special standards, the recruit may find an obligation for six or eight years of military service, even though excluded from the program originally signed up for.

The other "catch" in the contract lies in phrases like "military necessity," or the "needs of the service" that you'll find in almost any recruitment contract. They mean that, no matter what the recruit is being promised now, if the service thinks there is more need in some other position, it can put the recruit there. "Military necessity" may send a kid who signs up for the Army marching band into combat infantry, even if he or she doesn't know or want to know - a bazooka from a bassoon.

This is, of course, especially likely if armed confrontation breaks out somewhere in the world. Remember that, however much the military may advertize itself as a vocational training program, its first purpose is preparation for combat and combat itself. A person with moral or psychological problems with combat has no business in the military, even if signed up to bake cupcakes for the commissary. Most of the promises in the recruitment contract are full of "ifs": they bind the recruit but not the military.

Most people over 50 still think of military educational benefits in the context of WW II and Korean War GI bills. These covered tuition and some living expenses at even the more expensive private colleges and universities. But since Vietnam, the benefits are far less generous. The current benefits are essentially a forced-saving and matching plan. Even if honorably discharged for something like a service-connected injury, she or he not only doesn't qualify for benefits, she may lose what she has paid into the program. And for most people, the plan, at best, will pay at most the cost of one year at a private school, perhaps two at a state school.

There are other ways to get the military to pay a student's way through school. ROTC is the best-known: in exchange for promising to spend six or eight years on active

duty after graduation, a college student can get full financial aid for the last two years, and often some funds for the second year as well. Medical and nursing students can get scholarships by promising to put their skills to work in the military for six or eight years afterward. The drawbacks are obvious - after four years in college, and perhaps another four in medical school, the graduate must put in another six or eight years in the military before really getting her career underway. And if she

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or he changes her or his mind, the military may be very reluctant to let go, since they have invested a lot of money at that point.

The military does offer college-level courses to members of the service on active duty, and sometimes pays their way to civilian schools for courses related to their military job. The drawbacks there result from the nature of military life - a GI can be moved from one base to another, with a schedule that can be changed with very little notice, in the middle of the quarter.

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Iowa school bans military recruiting

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Citing a year-old equal opportunity policy, officials at the University of Iowa College of Law recently announced a ban against on-campus interviews by U.S. Army and Marine recruiters.

Michael Green, a professor at the law school, explained that the policy "denies access to employers who make recruitment or employment decisions on the basis of race, gender, creed, national origin, age, disability or affectional preference," according to the *Des Moines Register*. Green chairs the placement committee, which made the decision to ban the military from conducting interviews on campus.

NH. "Elderly people are being pushed out of their houses. And what do the liberals say then? Not that we shouldn't put the people out of their homes in the first place; they come up with 'We need more money from you greedy taxpayers, and we're going to build elderly housing.'"

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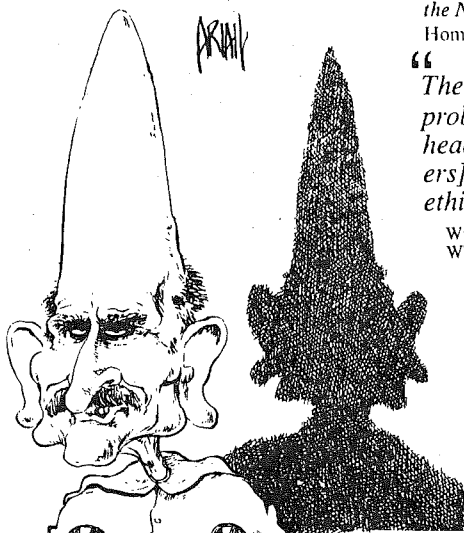
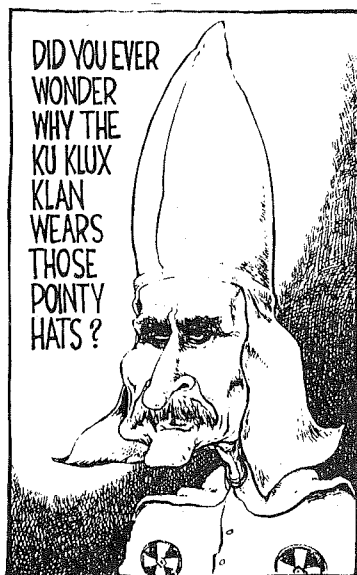
The city of San Antonio, Texas, and other cities and counties have laws providing that when an individual reaches the age of 65 his tax millage for education cannot increase.

With the escalation of taxes for education, the average person age 65 and over, living on a fixed income, can no longer afford the increased tax. People over 65 have already paid for the schools and education of their children.

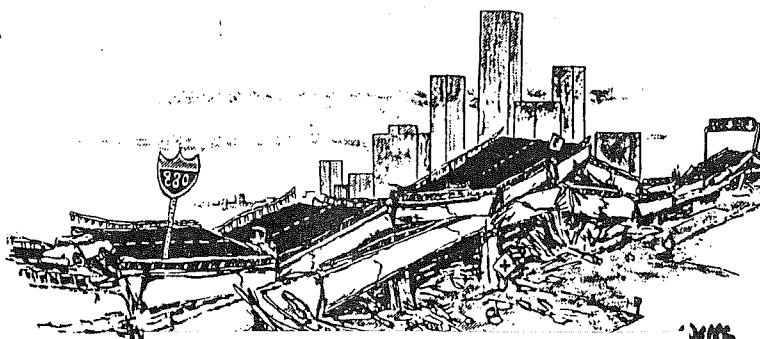
Pouring additional money into the educational system is not the answer to better education. The answer to this situation is to find highly qualified administrators who won't squander the taxpayers' money, as is presently being done.

If this procedure were followed perhaps South Carolina would not be at the bottom of the scale for quality education.

R.E. DALES



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Dear Editor:

We sure enjoy your publication here, especially the anti-status quo stuff such as against seatbelts and motorcycle helmets. The average person just takes the government's word for things and doesn't question anything.

However, some of your anti-tax stuff reveals a subtle image of the Reader trying to figure out how he can get a bunch of money and keep the Govt out of his pockets. Not that this is a bad idea, but we Indians have a ploy that has worked for centuries: just keep a low profile and the tax boys won't have anything to work on.

We have a three bedroom CBS house and a 14x60 trailer on a three acre lot. We drive a 1979 Ford that starts everytime and doesn't use much gas. Our income is less than \$100 a week. We aren't in debt at all except for a tiny mortgage which is paid up until 1992.

We run an Indian organization and publish a tabloid newspaper. Nearly 80,000 copies have been distributed since 1984. We've have 20 weddings and three funerals, and uncountable ceremonies and fellowships. The Association has never grossed over \$5,000 in a single year. Yet we have three computers in working order. We have (today) 1,551 members from all 50 states and 22 foreign countries. When my wife and I got married we fed 400+ guests on shrimp and fry bread and lots of other goodies for four days. Total expense=less than \$50. And as fine a wedding as any could ask for.

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Thanks for what you're doing!

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MAX(ine)'S TWO PAGES

It was an open and shut case.

It had to do with Mayor's Court.

Mayor's Court is a municipal court, for traffic cases and misdemeanors. Its tried by the officials of the jurisdiction in which the alleged infraction occurs. The Chief of police serves as prosecutor. The Chief's boss, the Mayor, serves as judge. There is no jury. Just the Chief, the Mayor and the defendant.

The possibility of justice being served seems pretty small. The administrator of one of the Georgia State Police Academies understood the ranCor I expressed against that system but advised that the constitution never guaranteed anyone a fair trial, only a speedy and public one.

Mayor's Court was one of the political fossils I ran into while I was doing news correspondence for the local daily. It spawned a good conflict of interest case.

In one of the municipalities in the area the Mayor is not only the judge in the city court but also serves as a defense attorney in the Superior Court. On occasion he defended, in court, those persons who were arrested by police officers of the city of which he was the mayor, police officers of the department over which he was commander in chief.

The story was told to me by a local police officer. The officer was particularly exasperated over a case in which he said the Mayor defended a man whose charges included assaulting an officer of that city's police department.

It seemed like a good story. I collected the preliminary information, names, sources, some details, and approached the state editor with it. The state editor instructed me not to collect anymore information on the story. period.

Case closed.

A congressional hearing in April has criticized the Bush Administration for denying refugee status to Soviet Pentecostals and Jews who wish to emigrate. Said Chairman Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.), "After a decade and a half of emphasis on human rights oppor-

tunities in the Soviet Union and the right to emigrate, we have seen a dramatic increase in exit visas being issued. Unfortunately, this success is being risked by a series of [U.S.] decisions and lack of decisions that threaten our ability to respond appropriately."

CUTTING THE ROOTS*

"To destroy a people, you must first sever their roots."
SOLZHENITSYN

Topic: States Rights with liberty for all,
A libertarian's view.

Since the end of the Civil War there have been several attempts to revive laws that deal with State's rights. The White supremacist in America tried to use states rights to enforce segregation. That is history. In the U.S.A. our civil rights are guaranteed by the Constitution, which no state can disregard. There is a positive role for states rights in America today. In 1987 the states won the right to set their own speed limits on the highways.

But in 1986, Sec. of Transportation Elizabeth Dole used her power to threaten states that have a drinking age less than 21 yrs. old, the loss of Federal highway improvement money for their state. She won, the states lost.

In 1987 the Governors of a few states disagreed with the Reagan Administration that was sending National Guard troops to Honduras for so-called training maneuvers. Sandanista soldiers were fighting the Contra forces on the border at the time. Our National Guard belongs on the home front, not foreign soil. Let the states decide.

States now have the power to ban, limit, or legalize abortions. Keep the FED out of such issues.

States Rights can benefit all people, liberals, conservatives, libertarians, populist, etc. Today some limitations of power on the Federal Gov't. are needed more than ever.

Yours in Freedom,
Charles Watawekas

EDINBURGH: Landowners are being given hundreds of thousands of pounds in return for not planting trees in special nature conservation areas.

The payments are made by the Nature Conservancy Council, which Scottish environmentalists predict may pay millions of pounds more to landowners who have discovered a loophole in the law.

Explained Mike Thornton of Friends of the Earth (Scotland): "The NCC's policy is an ill-conceived device for giving large cash handouts to well-off landowners for doing nothing."

One Scottish farmer is quoted by *The Guardian* (Dec. 31, 1988) as stating: "It's a famous scam which a lot of people are taking advantage of. If you've got a nice meadow or some open peatland, you apply to afforest it. Because it's a site of special scientific interest, you get rejected and you get compensation."

LAND & LIBERTY

I didn't fight for the Bill of Rights, I fought for the flag!"

So exclaimed one veteran on a recent news program. He left home and family, donned uncomfortable military garb, ate unappetizing food, let himself be shipped to a country where English wasn't spoken, and began killing people left and right for the sake of a colored cloth design—a sewing machine creation on a stick.

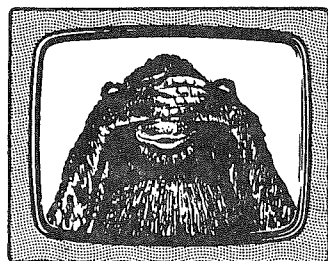
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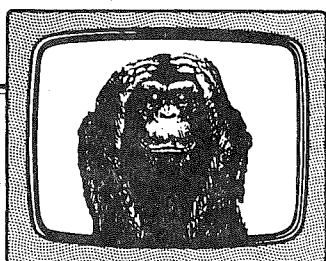
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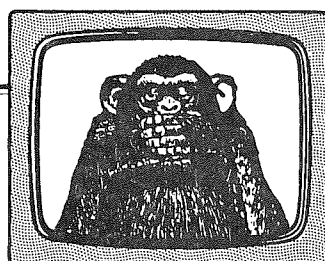
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or much of anything else, for that matter.....

Who Owns The Presses?

There has been a dramatic surge toward concentration in the American publishing industry in recent years. The independent publishing houses and daily newspapers—are rapidly being bought up by a handful of corporations with interests as diverse as fast food, cable TV, and defense contracting. There were close to 300 mergers and takeovers in publishing in the last five years—roughly the same number as in all the 20 years before—with the result that only 50 corporations now control half the nation's books, periodicals, and newspapers. In book publishing alone, at least 75% of the market is controlled by 50 large firms, and the 4 largest firms control 16%.

She's Nobody's Baby

Other facts:

- **20 corporations control 52% of all daily newspaper sales in the U.S.
- **20 corporations control 50% of all periodical sales in the U.S.
- **20 corporations control 52% of all book sales in the U.S.
- **20 corporations control 76% of all record and tape sales in the U.S.
- **13 corporations broadcast to 76% of the TV and radio audiences in the U.S.
- **7 corporations control 75% of all the movie distributions in the U.S.

Together, these corporations control 60% of what we see, hear, and read.

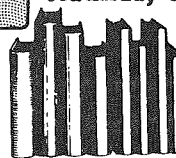
'Nativism' unwelcome posture on layoffs

Priest in The State objects to any except the missionary posture.

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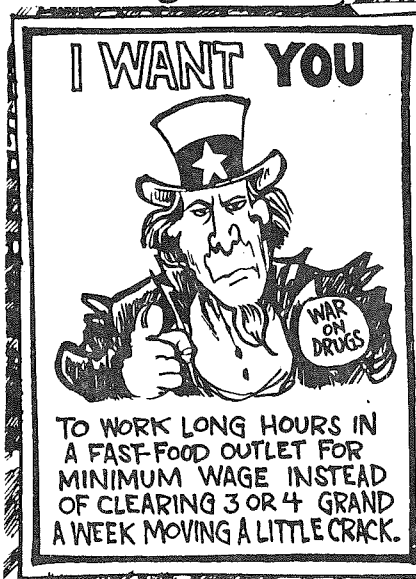
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Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST



Hurrah for Michael Tuck, and his editorial in favor of legalizing drugs. His refreshing statements of truth were like a breath of fresh air on a day full of politicking and posturing, which will not culminate in a "War on Drugs", but the creation of another expensive, useless bureaucracy. President Bush has a gimmick for every issue, but there is no genuine substance to his policies. The only statement I could add to Mr. Tuck's enlightening opinion -- which should be investigated further for the merit of Channel 10 -- is the fact that the prohibition of certain drugs is the ONLY factor which creates the enormous profits from them which makes dealing in them lucrative enough to finance gangs and their violent turf wars. Remove the profit motive (and the profit from contraband is always high), and regular employment will look reasonable again.

The end effect of Bush's misguided "War" on drugs will be increased prices, and an increase in the elitist aura underlying high-priced drug use. Furthermore, while Bush's idea of a "kinder, gentler era" includes punishment and prison, if he were truly concerned with the welfare of the American people, he would realize that taxes on legalized drugs could finance a massive rehabilitation effort, with the good health of the people as a priority over and above their pain and humiliation.

Even more indicative of the President's genuine willingness to exploit the drug issue, while avoiding the substance of the problem, is the fact that the biggest crisis does not involve illegal drugs, but rather the legal drugs, like morphine, valium, quaaludes, and the speed commonly called "diet pills", which make the pharmaceutical firms our biggest "pushers". Alcohol is probably the biggest social crisis of all time, and most people recognize that the alcoholic must accept his own problem before he can get help.

Above all, unless the use of drugs becomes a nuisance to society, government has no place regulating their use. Drug use is completely and solely a matter for the individual and his conscience; there is no place for government in the equation unless there is some damage or imminent danger to people and property. Prior restraint is just not legally sound in a democratic society.

Sincerely,

To: Advisory Committee

Re: Request for Input

Since you have asked for input, and since I have some that hardly anyone else in this school district may have, it is my duty as a citizen to offer any help you are able and willing to accept.

The 3 meetings being held in auditoriums I am supposed to stay out of to protect & preserve my sight (because of the improper lighting & ventilation), I am writing this & sending it to you by mail. Enclosed is a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to let me know that you got it.

First, if there is only one thing that can be done to improve the Dist. 1 schools that you can insist upon, the most important would be to ban the book, "Dick & Jane", in grade 1 and put in an effective, phonic, reading system. I have hired graduates of West Florence High who were functionally illiterate; I have hired graduates of Wilson High when it was on Athens St. and segregated who read as a pastime. If you do nothing else, this is the most urgent.

Now if there is any particular phase of district 1 that you would like to improve by changing, I will be glad to talk to you and answer any questions at your convenience in any reasonable place at any reasonable time. With the possible exception of Ms. Husbands, I may know more about Dist. 1 & its background when it was one of the best in the South and won national prizes.

One thing I cannot, under federal law, is tell you in writing what the way it is operating now. John Mcs. Harllee was Supt. of Dist. 1 for 15 years and built 12 schools & additions to almost all of the others. He was buried from a funeral home across from Poyner at Mt. Hope at the end of Dargan St. on November 2, 1988 at 4 p.m. so that the schools would all be closed at that time. One school board member called as unable to attend, having to be at the hospital then. One current student attended, who worked as an employee of the funeral home. Not a single current administrator or principal or teacher attended the funeral or sent a flower to it or sent a sympathy card to the widow. Yes, a former supt. and a former principal, and several former teachers did all three, as well as a former chairman of the school board.

I let you draw your own conclusions.

Truly,

John T. Harllee

Letter to a bureaucrat. . .

The following is from a letter from the Duke of Wellington to the British Foreign Office in August 1812, written while pursuing Napoleon across Spain:

Gentlemen: Whilst marching from Portugal to a position which commands the approach to Madrid and the French forces, my officers have been diligently complying with your requests.

We have enumerated our saddles, bridles, tents and tent poles, and all manner of sundry items for which His Majesty's Government holds me accountable. I have dispatched reports on the character, wit, and spleen of very officer. Each item and every farthing has been accounted for, with two regrettable exceptions for which I beg your indulgence.

Unfortunately, the sum of one shilling and nine-pence remains unaccounted for in one infantry battalion's petty cash and there has been a hideous confusion as to the number of jars of raspberry jam issued to one cavalry regiment during a sandstorm in western Spain. This reprehensible carelessness may be related to the pressure of circumstances, since we are at war with France, a fact which may come as a bit of a surprise to you gentlemen in Whitehall.

This brings me to my present purpose, which is to request elucidation of my instructions from His Majesty's Government, so that I may better understand why I am dragging an army over these barren plains. I construe that perforce it must be one of two alternative duties, as given below:

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Motorists can drive

There is a puzzling tendency on the part of some consumers to twist history around. The letter by Bob Andrews Jr. (*The State*, June 19) is a good example.

He wrote that the passage of the new car insurance law shows that the insurance industry has "our economy by the throat," as if insurance companies pass laws.

Such thinking overlooks the fact that spokesmen for the insurance industry have consistently warned the public and lawmakers that South Carolina's car insurance laws compound the problems created by a population of accident-prone drivers and the large number of automobile claims that are settled in court.

Insurance companies are convinced that controlling the cost of insurance is in the hands of people who drive cars.

They can drive with courtesy, caution and common sense.

They can stop the expensive habit of using the court system to settle claims.

They can demand that the expensive and inefficient compulsory insurance system created by law be changed to something more efficient and economical.

Insurance companies are as frustrated with South Carolina's car insurance law as consumers are, but there is a difference: Voters can do something about it; companies have no votes in the General Assembly.

If they attempt a reasonable change, they will also find that insurance companies in South Carolina will support them in their efforts. Remember, insurance companies cannot change the habits of drivers, nor the laws of the state.

ALFRED P. LOUGHRAN

On Sunday, Oct. 22, Jacob Wetterling was abducted from the county road near his home. He and his brother and a friend were returning from Tom Thumb, where they had rented a movie, when they were approached by a man wearing a mask and carrying a handgun. Jacob's brother and the friend were told to run away, but Jacob was forced to remain. As of press time, there had been no confirmed sightings of Jacob.



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Contest founder starting to wish he hadn't asked

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Please, doesn't anybody out there love a bureaucrat?

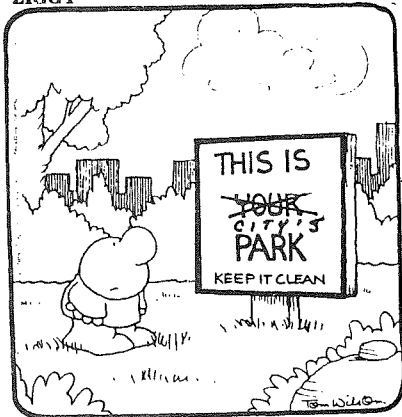
Last June, entrepreneur Matthew Lesko launched "My Favorite Bureaucrat" contest and invited people around the country to submit "a brief, verifiable story of 250 words or less about how a government bureaucrat helped you."

Lesko offered a \$5,000 cash prize for the winning entry and figured he'd be swamped with nominations. After all, he says, there are plenty of federal, state and local bureaucrats to choose from — about 15 million altogether.

Today, Lesko is flabbergasted. In the past four months, he has received exactly one entry.

Even worse, it was submitted by a woman employee of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance who nominated her boss.

ZIGGY



If there is anything good to be said about Imperial Britain—and it is not certain that there is—it must be that it could produce a man like James Barrie, who could in turn produce the story, the mood, the theme, the character, of Peter Pan. Though it is no more a "children's story" than Alice in Wonderland is, this fantasy continues to be neglected by serious students of the writer's art (although some recent trends indicate that is changing).

While few Americans have actually read the play (or any book since the twelfth grade, for that matter), almost everyone has seen either the Mary Martin or the Disney-cartoon versions of it; both have been so wildly popular for decades that if you missed them both—you were trying to. Therefore, it is undoubtedly superfluous for me to describe the story—but since I hardly ever left superfluousness stand in the way of things I dearly love to do, I shall paint the picture anyway:

The subtitle tells it all. When Barrie's play appeared in 1904, it was billed as Peter Pan; or, the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up. In the decades when no book/play could be published in the English/American language without a subtitle, most of them were confused or confusing or dense or silly or hopelessly oratorical and flowery, but this one was perfect. Peter Pan had been a boy, was a boy, and would always be a boy, by his own choice. Growing up to him seemed the most unimaginably depressing thing imaginable—and he just wouldn't. Growing up meant going off to the Evil Old Office or the Evil Old Factory or the Evil Old Whatever each day—instead of lazing each of those days away by the side of a brook. It meant things called "worries" and "responsibilities" and "duties"—and people (young people, for that is the only kind there were) were never cursed with those things in Never Never Land.

So there he would stay, along with all the other boys who just wouldn't grow up—and with the most wondrous cast of supporting characters ever dropped into English literature: The meanest of the mean, the foulest of the foul, the vilest of the vile—Captain Hook. With his sneering grins and grinning sneers he was at once the rottenest and the most lovable villain there ever was—unless he was topped by the Crocodile. The croc was mean because he was always trying to do horrible things to the bodies of anyone within his reach, but then he seemed sort of lovable because the main person he was trying to mangle was the arch-evil Captain Hook; but then since Hook himself was kind of lovable that made the Crocodile seem a little on the mean side....

Barrie's creations also included a suitably disreputable crew for the Captain's pirate ship, and a band of Indians who helped out The Boys against the Pirates (led by a maiden who would soon grow quite jealous), and a character known as—The Clock. The Clock is not to be confused with the Croc, for the former lived inside the latter (he'd swallowed some time back) and ticked away so madly that Captain Hook was always warned when the Croc came Croc-ing around looking for the one of the Captain's hands he hadn't yet eaten.

There was also the Darling family. The public always loved the Peter Pan story but many of the critics hated it, and their reasons focused on what they usually called "sentimentality"—and a perfect example of that "crime" was supposed to be that Barrie would actually name a certain attractive family the Darlings. Sentimental he may have been (let me rephrase that; sentimental he was), but he was also accurate, for there never was a more darling family than the Darlings. Number-one son John was prime Never-Never Land material, just a couple of years away from adulthood and not really sure he wanted to go there; young Michael was standard-adorable—the kind of supercute little kid Central Casting sends to all the movie/TV studios about twelve times a week—and he'd always be toddling up the stairs with the back flap of his pajamas open and twirling madly through the night sky when the kids learned to fly and crying for the family dog Nana to join them and just generally earning his lovable-pay; and then there was Wendy—Wendy Darling. I may have lived in an unusual neighborhood, but where I grew up every twelve-year-old boy was in love with Wendy Darling from glance one (remember, we were watching, not reading). She was sweet and pretty and smart and courageous and if that was what girls were like maybe there was something to this stuff after all. Why, the very name "Wendy Darling" did most of us in.... Father Darling and Mother Darling were perfectly kindly and thoughtful and loving, and Dog Nana (who managed to fly but was restrained by her leash from following the kids to Never Never Land) was loyal and protective and everything else a giant Saint Bernard Protecting Children is supposed to be.

I am as likely to forget Tinkerbell as Barrie was—for if the play had a Busy Little Engine it was Tinkerbell. She made it go, because without her pixie dust no one could fly and if you couldn't fly you couldn't get to Never Never Land and if you couldn't get to Never Never Land there would be no Great Adventures and you'd have to Grow Old. Tinkerbell was always getting shut up in drawers and getting lost and otherwise behaving like a pretty klutzie fairy, but she was as lovable as everyone else in sight, especially when she grew even more jealous than Tiger Lily (the Indian Princess) upon the arrival of Wendy Darling—and the phrase "not a dry eye in the house" was surely invented just

THE PETER PANS, continued
for the spot when it looks like Tink is dying and Mary Martin as Peter tells you (the audience) that everytime someone says "I don't believe in fairies" one dies but every time someone says "I believe" a fairy does right well—and asks you to say "I believe", which you do and Tink recovers—& thanks you for your belief.

While there's no space here to detail all The Boys' (and the Darlings) Great Adventures in Never Never Land, it's enough to say they were just the kind of pirate-fighting, waiking-the-plank, last-minute-escapes Adventures you'd expect to have in a place where you never grow up and there are no adults to tell you what to do and the world is an endless playground.....

Back in the Innocent Days, the days before I learned that the world was, in many ways, in horrible shape, my thoughts about Peter Pan were pure and unmixd and uncomplicatedly pleasant; but eventually the Serious Days came, the days when I learned something of Things That Matter. It was then that something occurred to me, something which I've never been able to shake, and something which has added a bit of pathos, a bit of sadness to all my subsequent thoughts about the Greatest Fairy Tale of Them All. The "something" is this:

We have had, in the America of this century, a couple of generations of Peter Pans, a couple of generations of boys who never grew up. They remained and remain boys forever, not because they didn't want to grow up, but because they never had a chance to. Oh, technically they "grew up", because most of them did manage to make it to eighteen or nineteen and some of them even grew quite elderly and made it into their early twenties; but their lives were cut short before they ever really got started, before they ever became real, men! before adults as opposed to just physical ones, and before they ever learned that the world that Peter Pan was so terrified of could be as astoundingly beautiful as the one he loved.

Our Peter Pans were the two generations of boys who went away to fight in Wilson's Great Adventure and Roosevelt's Great Adventure, and who never came home, and never made it out of the Never Never Land of adolescence—or, it could be said that Never Never Land for them was the realm they were never to enter, the realm which would remain forever closed to them due to the megalomania of their political leaders.

That reference to Those People leads naturally to this interjection: There is simply no space in this look at the American Peter Pans to outline in any detail the nature of those two Great Wars. The present author has done that comprehensively elsewhere, and those materials are so readily available for the seriously interested that here we can let short descriptions suffice:

The nature of the conflicts themselves: They were simply the latest rounds in the endless European civilwar/bloodbath, a slaughter-for-no-purpose which has been going on since prehistory, and they were conflicts which involved no just interest of a single American. The nature of our entry into these irrelevant-to-us slaughters: We were dragged in through the extraordinary deceptions and manipulations of unprincipled, megalomaniacal, messianic, world-saving politicians supported by a vicious coalition of financial/political/foreign-ethnic special interests (plus the usual percentage of deluded, non-vicious, patriotic people who confuse the government with the country and support whatever it tells them is right). If those characterizations seem unusually harsh for someone as wonderfully even-tempered as yours truly, the rest of this story will perhaps explain my outrage.

In speaking of the American Peter Pans the first principal point to be made is that the Peter was wrong—wrong about the matter which made him what he was, which defined his whole existence, which made him—Peter Pan. He was wrong in thinking the world of maturity was a terrible place where Boys should fear to go. He should have known something that Barrie couldn't allow him to know, for then he wouldn't have been Peter Pan anymore. The "something" was that the Land of Adulthood could be as beautiful, and as fun-filled, and as dominated by Adventure, and as endlessly happy, as the Best Day the Boys ever had back in>NNL. When we recognize that, we're recognizing that what our Peter Pans lost was something of incomparable value, that they were robbed by their "Leaders" of The Shining Times, and that they were not (as Peter himself would have said), just as well off getting blown away before they ever Grew Old.

The record of exactly what it was our PPs lost ought to be seen as a description of their Never Never Land, of the Land they were never allowed to enter—because the Powers That Were had a desperate need for mangled bodies lying in ditches in France or Germany. The Never Never Land they missed was a magical place, a Land full of many Neighborhoods, Neighborhoods which in turn were full of "houses"—Houses in the form of things The Boys would never do and sights they would never see.

They would not know what it was like to love a woman, and have her love you, and love her all the more intensely in return because you know she does love you. They wouldn't know what it is like to come home each day knowing you'll soon be with someone for whom you are It, in the same way that she is It for you (it's astounding what a tiny word like "it" can sometimes accomplish).

Do you know if IRS can ever tell any but a lie? The size of a hefty tax bill sounds phoney to me. More news as it comes in. -jh

IRS says Campobello man may try to flee hefty tax bill

CAMPOBELLO

The Internal Revenue Service contends a man who offered sanctuary to women and children fleeing husbands suspected of abuse may be preparing to go into hiding to avoid paying \$477,000 in back taxes.

Kevin Cullinane acknowledges he owes the IRS some money, but said he is not planning to leave town or hide his assets.

The IRS claims Cullinane has failed to pay taxes since 1981 and now owes more than \$477,000.

Cullinane was arrested in September when federal, state and county law enforcement officials raided the rural center in search of a Georgia woman who hid her four children from her husband, claiming he abused them. Cullinane is accused of threatening and pulling a gun on officers who tried to serve him a warrant.

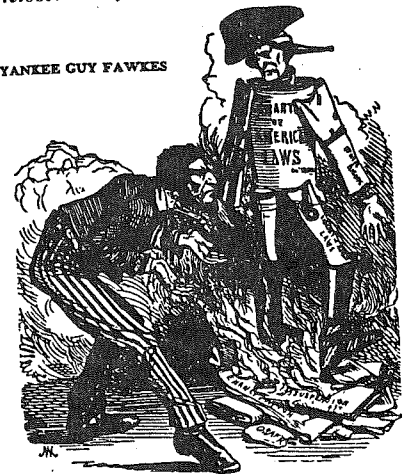
He pleaded innocent to charges of interfering with the execution of a search warrant and is free on \$450,000 bond, for which he used his property as collateral. His trial is scheduled to begin Dec. 4.

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Lincoln represented as destroying American liberties by the draft, the suspension of habeas corpus, and the Emancipation Proclamation. Fun (London), 1863.

I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day.

E.B. White

The Sun
107 North Roberson Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

THE latest and revamped edition of Jones Lang Wootton's Property Markets magazine had this:

"He stood in line in the bottle shop and thought. To buy an \$18.50 carton of beer, he needed to earn \$37.76 before personal tax.

This meant his small company needed to make a profit of \$77.05, which required sales of \$1580.

He thought further. He had paid \$19.26 personal tax, \$39.29 company tax and had collected \$474 sales tax (30 per cent of his \$1580 sales).

He had, in fact, given the Government \$512.55 in taxes in order to pay for his carton of beer.

To add insult to injury, he would have to pay another \$8 excise tax on the beer.

He went home and had a glass of water."

Right to return books afforded by open wall

Deutsche Press-Agentur

BERLIN

An East German man took advantage of the opening of the Berlin Wall over the weekend to return library books he borrowed 28 years ago.

The man borrowed the books from the American Memorial Library in West Berlin, shortly before the wall went up in 1961.

The man, who was a student at the time, told a library employee that he had not been able to return them because of travel restrictions.

The man said he had carefully looked after the books.

Editor charges Conway NAACP with racism

Recently, there has been much talk about racism in our state. Earlier this summer, the Columbia Mall situation was portrayed as racist when it was nothing more than community youngsters hanging out at the mall, disrupting the business atmosphere. A large segment were black youths, with a generous mixture of young black thugs.

Then there was the incident at the Saluda swimming pool. That situation was promptly corrected, thanks to the efforts of the NAACP and timely, behind-the-scenes diplomacy by some state officials, including some from the Human Affairs Commission.

Another clear case of racism cropped up in North Augusta at a public restaurant called the Buffalo Room. That situation was resolved when the owners opened the restaurant to blacks, although the Alcoholic Beverage Commission revoked the owners' liquor license.

And now there is Conway, where a simple disagreement between a white football coach and one of his black players has evolved into a full-fledged boycott by about 30 players on the Conway High School football team.

Governor Campbell asked the Human Affairs Commission to investigate the situation in Conway because the local chapter of the NAACP was calling it a blatant case of racism. After investigating the situation in Conway, Commissioner James E. Clyburn announced that his staff had found no racism on the coach's part in dealing with his football players.

When the Conway NAACP found fault with the commission's finding, this writer journeyed to Conway. After talking to a number of local residents and the player in question, I found racism. The racism I found is on the part of the very organization that is accusing the coach and superintendent — the Conway branch of the NAACP.

This branch is duping local parents. The parents are being misled, and their children are being used. Of course, no one is saying that racism does not exist in Conway. I just said it did! There is a certain amount of prejudice in all of us. But I, like the human affairs commissioner, could not find racism on the part of the coach toward his players, and I don't believe that the NAACP branch in Conway found any, either. Rather, a situation was seized upon for personal reasons by a few and made to look racial. I would think that we have come further than that in South Carolina.

I have talked to many in my community and found few who believe that the situation in Conway was racist.

NATHANIEL ABRAHAM
Editor

The Carolina Panorama

James Clyburn & Nathaniel Abraham are both quite black.

Education funding has become 'sacred cow'

Only the funding is sacred in public education now; the classes are run in an unholy manner.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ! ! ! !

They would miss going through the days and weeks and years and decades beside someone who knows so much about you and cares so much about you that you finally lose track of where you end and she begins. They would miss—Love.

And they would miss a lifetime full of the nextbest thing—Sex. Whatever that was in the back seat of the Ol' Chevy was all right at the time, but it isn't what we're talking about here. No, here we mean fifty years full of nights spent lying there on a warm summer's night, with the gentle breezes shooting through the open window and the equally gentle moonlight/starlight doing the same thing, and holding her in your arms while she sleeps, and caressing her hair and her skin in a way which makes you think back to an hour ago.....

Most importantly of all (in this Neighborhood) those boys who did their duty out there at Chateau-Thierry and Bastogne would miss a lifetime full of The Best of It All—finding the love and the sex in the same place.

A 30-year, 40-year, 50-year friendship would also escape them, the kind where when you have a problem you're on the phone even before thinking about it, talking to That Person about it even before you talk it over with yourself (by thinking about it)—and the kind where you think so much of them you can't put it into words—& so you live in constant fear they'll get hit by a semi or die of old age without your ever having told them.

The Boys would never hear their firstborn child cry with the cry of life on the day of birth—and would not spend the succeeding decades taking so much joy in their children's hopes and thrills and accomplishments and love that the "bad" features of parenthood are trivialized by comparison.

Nor would they ever know of the part of Never Never Land where the Neighborhood was called Career Achievement; they would never know what it is like to decide upon a certain career, work for "X" (usually a big "X") number of years to achieve it, and eventually prevail; nor what it was like, having gotten onto the career-track of one's choice, to confront and stalk and follow some Great Problem or some Great Goal of the job—and to finally crush the former or achieve the latter, knowing luck had approximately nothing to do with it but your own intelligence and planning and courage and dedication plenty.

There is another part of NNL, and it is where one sees the American Land in (to use a cliché which is so perfect I can't resist it) all its glory. Because Certain People in Certain Places decided they were better off dead, the Boys would never drift down the Green River in an open boat with the waves roaring and the people shouting with glee and the canyon walls towering high above and the semi-exposed rocks threatening all kinds of mayhem but never committing any. They'd never get up at a ridiculously early hour to see the sun come up at the greatest American early-morning location of them all, Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale, where the gulls swirl and the waves pound and the sand caresses and the sun paints it all with every possible shade of pink and throws in half the reds and yellows and oranges as gravy; nor would they stand in the Santa Monica Mountains and watch that same sun go down in the ultimate dusk-location in the country, the end of Sunset Boulevard—where the road hits the Ocean at a super-pretty spot near Pacific Palisades, where the surf-spray is warmer than the gentlest pool-water, where the whitecaps and the boats bobbing out on them are so picturesque you don't even mind that the water is taking away those sand castles at your feet, and where the sunset-sky is so explosively beautiful you revise your judgment that Fort Lauderdale's was the ultimate sky-show. They would miss Virginia's Shenandoah Valley in the autumn, when the trees use up every color in the rainbow and then go on to invent several new ones. They would never know the day-excitement of Manhattan and the night-excitement of Vegas and the allthetime excitement of LA—nor would they gasp at the amazing (& amazingly disparate) beauty of the towering-above-the-tundra bulk of Mt. McKinley or the Waikiki/Diamond Head crescent in Hawaii.

The never-to-be-Seen Land of these boys would also be a place where Jack Benny would say "I'm thinking it over!" when the robber said "Your money or your life", where Abbott and Costello would have people literally choking on laughter at the tale of the baseball team with Those Names, where the Marx Brothers would take over Darwin College and the password would be "swordfish", where Beverly Sills would define opera, where Robert Frost would make New England snowstorms-on-paper seem so real the paper turned cold, where Gunsmoke and Ozzie and Harriet went so long (decades) on radio & then TV that clichés about "becoming part of your own family" came to life, where Crosby and Presley and Patti Page and Perry Como and Dick Nelson and Jerry Flieth and Paul Whiteman and Guy Lombardo and the Andrews Sisters and the McGuire Sisters and the Pointer Sisters (have I missed any Sisters?) would make people hum and tap their feet (the shy ones) and sing out loud (the other ones), where Bernstein directing the new York Philharmonic would prove to be just as effective as his press releases said he would, and where, from Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex to Random Harvest to Atlas Shrugged to Peyton Place to King's Row to Honest John Adams to (the ironically appropriate) The Genesis of the World War, a Neighborhood of books would provide splendid entertainment and conceivably-splendid information.

These Boys, these American Peter Pans, missed, in sum, Life, life as it was lived in America in the middle 1900s, & their Never Never Land—the Land they never entered—contained much of the best that any country, anywhere, anytime, ever had to offer. The next time you see Peter Pan, or even hear the name, give a moment's thought to these Boys Who Never Grew Up, reflect upon why they remain Forever Young, & draw the appropriate conclusions. If you then believe that the world was didn't justify robbing all these Boys of the Whole of Their Lives, I will be pleased, & Tinkerbell will thank you, again, for your belief.

War on Drugs Being Used By Government to Justify A Nationwide Assault on Second Amendment and Other Constitutional Rights

Reprinted from American Intelligencer

The mounting hysteria over the possession by citizens of military small arms is the kind of problem Supreme Court Chief Justice Louis Brandeis had in mind when he said "the greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."

To seize such arms from ordinary citizens in the name of public safety is an encroachment upon liberty so dangerous it can only be described as throwing gasoline on a fire that is already eating at the foundation of our freedom.

The war on drugs is that fire and foundation against which its flames are licking is the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.

Right now, governments at all levels are attacking its primary amendments by declaring that they can safely be ignored because this undeclared war demands it.

This is the gasoline governments are throwing on the fire, and the irony of it is that the U.S. Congress lit the match in the first place!

The prohibition of cocaine and other currently illicit psychoactive drugs is in reality a congressionally-legislated price support system that creates profits so enormous kids are killing each other to get in on the action.

Congress also visits upon us the war's most dangerous expression to date: the irrational drive to prohibit the possession of semiautomatic assault weapons for the stated reason of keeping them from the hands of drug dealers.

Ordinary citizens all over the country are now stockpiling guns and ammo in enormous quantities because they know when governments no longer trusts us with guns, those governments are no longer to be trusted.

This irrationality takes several forms:

1) Prohibition of the guns carried by people who sell products prohibited 56 years ago is a silly way to curb the violence of their trade.

2) The net result of making certain guns and certain drugs illegal is to increase their price and demand — making millionaires of entrepreneurs willing to brave government prohibition, and criminals of otherwise decent, productive citizens.

3) Most importantly, seizure of military small arms from We the People leaves us vulnerable not only to the criminals who will continue to tote them, but to the arbitrary excesses of the governments which have precipitated the crisis.

Preserving the militia upon which the security of a free state depends is the fundamental consideration missing from all the talk about finding a constitutionally sound way to prohibit these weapons while *accommodating police and sporting interests*.

Well, there is no constitutionally sound way to prohibit militia weapons because in a free society, the militia is composed of individual citizens who bear their own military small arms, in voluntary associations, independently of government.

The militia does not exist at the pleasure of the police or so that citizens can hunt — it exists to voluntarily assemble at the call of government to repulse foreign invaders and to dissuade, through their individually armed presence, the tendency of governments to impose tyranny upon the people they were created to serve.

The last time the Supreme Court ruled on the matter was in 1939 (*U.S. v. Miller/Arkansas*), when it not only reaffirmed the right of Americans to own and bear military weapons, but strongly suggested that *good citizens have a responsibility to bear them*.

It is force of citizens arms that maintains individual freedom by keeping government power in check. Seizure of citizen arms, particularly those capable of competing on equal terms with those of government, presages dictatorship. That is the lesson of history and if more Americans don't remember it soon, they we will dishonor our heritage by overseeing the establishment in America of a socialist police state.

The high court cited a wealth of previous legislation supporting that position, and recounted a variety of early American state laws wherein all able bodied men were encouraged and sometimes required to maintain, at their own expense, a combat capable firearm, with bayonet, extra ammunition, blanket and backpack.

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That is the lesson of history, from Rome to Nazi Germany; and if more Americans don't remember it soon, they we will dishonor our heritage by overseeing the establishment in America of a socialist police state.

That is why the war on drugs must end.

How? Well, 56 years ago, the people and politicians of America were wise enough to realize that it was silly to wage a legislatively created war in the streets over the private pleasures of the People.

Prohibition did not keep Americans from using alcohol and tobacco; it just made life more dangerous and less pleasant for everybody.

It's happening again today, and if we really want to get drugs out of the schools and stop the killing, then we must do what we did in 1933, when we ended the first war on drugs by repealing the price support system legislated by Congress.

We re-legalized alcohol, in other words. Kids couldn't get it as easily, the violence ended almost overnight, and gangster bootleggers were put out of business.

We can end the war forever in 1989. If we re-legalize all currently illicit drugs (they all used to be legal), then we won't need to make guns illegal or otherwise incinerate the Bill of Rights.

If we end our price support system for these products and force them to compete fairly in the marketplace, under the aegis and regulation of government, the violence and crime bred by their prohibition will evaporate, and any taxes assessed on the products can fund their abuse prevention and treatment.

In Washington, D.C., for example, 85 percent of the city's murders are drug trade related; not committed by people on drugs, but by people in the business.

If Prohibition was repealed, those people would have to solve their distribution disputes in civil court like everybody else — and they'd probably have to sell a lot of their guns to pay for the lawyers.

Right now, though, prohibition so clogs the criminal dockets and prisons with outlaw entrepreneurs that there's no room for real criminals like Patrick Purdy, the AK toting child killer.

Prohibition also forces drug abusers like Eugene Thompson into burglarizing houses and murdering housewives for money to support a dereliction they could handle by panhandling if Congress did not persist in propping up the price of cocaine through its legislation.

Finally, the fire of prohibition creates an atmosphere of contradiction and confusion so pervasive that well meaning people are so hysterical over the danger that they're grabbing gasoline to quench the flames when they think they're going for water.

Colorado state representative Phil Hernandez is a case in point. He claims his zeal to seize militia weapons from the People is not hysterical: "If my house is on fire, I'm going to have an emotional response," he says, "But if you throw water on it and call the fire department, that's a rational response."

Regardless of his well meant intent, if Hernandez grabs gas instead of water and his response results in the destruction of his house, himself, and his neighbors too, then what he thought was rational really wasn't so sane after all.

Paradoxically, however, the attack on the Second Amendment by Hernandez and his accomplices in California and Washington — and its effect on the firearms marketplace — provides the best proof yet that prohibitory action by government does more harm than good.

Just the hint that Congress might prohibit citizen possession of militia weapons created a price support system that in one week quadrupled the price of AK-47s, AR-15s and other such firearms.

The profit margins will increase further and people will start smuggling them into the country with other prohibited products — and shooting it out with the police over guns as well as drugs. Suddenly, the war on drugs will get far more dangerous and damaging.

Fortunately, the actions of American governments in the last few weeks have finally alarmed Joe Citizen, who works hard during the week, waxes his BMW on Saturday, and goes cruising on Sunday.

Ordinary citizens all over the country are now stockpiling guns and ammo in enormous quantities because they know when governments no longer trusts us with guns, those governments are no longer to be trusted.

The only way to preserve our liberty is to make sure the ultimate balance of power remains in our hands. We must dare to think that the Second Amendment ain't about duck hunting and re-legalization ain't surrender.

And if we find disconcerting the idea of such dangerous objects in the hands and bodies of ordinary citizens, then we must heed the counsel of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote in 1820:

"I know of no safe repository for the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves. And if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, then the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion." □

BLACK HEBREWS

By Haviv Schieber

The comparison between Zionism and Nazism is even more dramatically illustrated when the Zionist attitude toward the Black Hebrews is examined:

**** Nazism broke up Jewish families by shipping Jews to various ghettos around Europe. Zionists are breaking up Black Hebrew families by shipping the Black Hebrews from Israel to the ghettos of America.

**** Nazi arrogance disregarded the effects its actions against the Jews had on Jews worldwide. Zionist arrogance disregards the effects its actions against the Black Hebrews have on Black people around the world.

The author was one of the founders of the modern state of Israel, along with Menachem Begin. Prior to his death in late 1987, Schieber, an exile from Israel for more than 30 years, was chairman of the Holy Land State Committee.

The largest group of black Hebrews are the Fashoda of Ethiopia, who are now trying to flee starvation & claim Israel citizenship as Hebrews.

ALERT! Taxpayers At Risk.

WHY ARE PROPERTY TAXES SO HIGH? Because so many pieces of property in Columbia and Richland County are EXEMPT from taxation, that's why. People and organizations politicians like better than you get off scot free!

Can you imagine doctors practising their lucrative medical trade in a building on prime land that pays no taxes? How about a lawyers' organization occupying nice property on which it pays no taxes? Is it right for a fraternal organization to run a tavern and gaming operation (Bingo) on tax free property? And consider all those pieces of property the city and county own sitting tax free on the books. Add all the federal, state and local government property, plus churches and other such organizations that pay no property tax, and it's clear to see that the tax load is transferred to those who MUST pay taxes.

RCCTR has no quibble with legitimate exemptions - but the records reveal that through the years exempted property has skyrocketed. We're still counting, but it looks like about **ONE-THIRD OF COLUMBIA'S PROPERTY ("REAL") IS NOT TAXED!!!** That means that 67% of the property is paying 100% of the property tax.

Concern for animal treatment expressed

I am concerned today about a problem I know has been addressed here before, and that is the subject of animal abuse and abandonment. A new occurrence of this problem has prompted me to bring it to attention again.

Last year when we lived in the College Park area, there were several occasions when people dumped animals out by our house. One incident involved a mother cat and two kittens approximately three months old. The mother cat was killed by a car and the kittens left even more frightened and confused. We found homes for the kittens, one with the help of our wonderful veterinarian.

We have since moved to the Hoffmeyer Road area, and it has started again, this time with an even more cruel twist. Last night someone rang our doorbell and ran, leaving two very small, still-nursing kittens on our porch. I had already arranged with my vet to take them when I learned that this was a mean prank. Some children apparently took two of my neighbor's four kittens and put them on our porch. Not only were the kittens distressed and hungry, my neighbor and her mother cat were frantic. Thankfully, they've been re-united after an overnight absence.

Come on, people, this kind of thing is senseless and unnecessary. Animals have feelings and emotions. Don't treat them this way. Even the Bible classifies people in their treatment of animals in Proverbs 12:10 "A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel." Adults, take some responsibility for your baby animals. If I can find a home for them, so can you. Check with your vet. Call radio stations that have trading post or swap and shop programs. Run an ad in the paper. The last time we had a litter of kittens, we ran an ad and had more calls than we had kittens. There are people out there who want your animals and will properly care for them if you'll just take a little time and effort to find them.

Pam Grimsley, Florence

Writer says civic center too costly, exclusive

It's hard to believe our elected officials are spending millions of taxpayers dollars without the taxpayer having a voice in the decision.

As so often quoted in the Florence Morning News "the complex and coliseum will bring money to local motels, restaurants, stores and realtors." Well, I doubt if 99.9 percent of the taxpayers own any of these types of businesses.

And it's not only the cost of building. I can't imagine what the cost will be for liability insurance and the upkeep. What will be the cost of heating or cooling this

huge coliseum? And how much will it cost to mow, fertilize, etc. the complex grounds? And how much for electricity at the complex, with electricity going up every year?

And don't think the children of Florence will benefit. What parent would say "jump on your bike and go play at the complex?" Most parents work and will not have the time to take the children out to play ball or swim.

Florence taxpayers already pay one of the highest property tax rates in the nation. So many young couples will have a hard time trying to buy a home with taxes so high.

Anita R. Whisenhunt, Florence

Reader tired of news on jail, civic center

If I have to read another article on the proposed new jail and civic center, I'll throw up!

It seems the only decision city and county can agree on is to have another meeting. If they continue, at the present rate of progress, their terms will expire, and we the people can elect some competent officials.

But maybe these officials have seen the light. They need a more 'ideal' environment to make such decisions. A weekend at the seashore or even the quiet serenity of the mountains could induce responsible decision-making. And don't forget the fine meals or a couple more rounds from the bar. This 'retreat' from effectiveness will be funded by you and me, the taxpayer.

Roni McManus, Florence

Resident needs help with trash carts

This afternoon I asked for assistance from the city garbage pick-up. The girl riding with the truck gave me a number to call and I did. The person answering the phone gave me the laws regarding the service.

I explained my husband had just gone through heart surgery and brain surgery and that I was not able to pull those carts up and down the hills. We have a hill in front and back which is steep for elderly people to go up and down.

As busy as our doctors are these days, these people said I would have to mail a statement from my doctor saying we were not able to pull the carts.

All the loose laws in the city, why should I have to ask my doctor to spend their busy time to write to the city explaining our condition?

She also told me I could call the number "We Care" about these vacant lots. I told her we might as well call the man in the moon. Bruce Hospital has bought the lot by me and the public is using it to dump garbage and trash by the truck load. I asked

RCCTR Newsletter



Cult Awareness Teams Up With LaRouche Followers

False Claims, Forgery Charged

Deprogramming advocates affiliated with the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) and members of Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) have formed an alliance which has been accused of false claims and forgery.

Dorothy Seabolt is the Houston area representative of CAN, a major supporter of the violent system of thought reform known as deprogramming. Lyndon LaRouche is a former SDS leader and one-time Trotskyist now in jail on charges of securities fraud. But Seabolt's local Cult Awareness Council (CAC) and LaRouche's NDPC have joined forces in the Houston area according to reports in several local newspapers.

The stated purpose of the Cult Awareness-LaRouche alliance is to push for legislation banning Satan worship in Texas, but the tactics of Seabolt and her allies have come under harsh criticism.

her if she would take the mayor's word and she said no, it would have to be from the doctor.

Alma Adams, Florence

In one recent incident, Seabolt and her Cult Awareness organization accused a teenage band in Brazosport, Texas of being "satanic" on the basis of a forged document.

"The fliers you are showing are not the ones our kids circulated. I think you altered them to meet your needs," one parent accused Seabolt at a public meeting.

"I find it hard to believe anyone could sell Lyndon LaRouche literature to an educated society like ours," another parent said in regard to printed material Seabolt distributed at the meeting.

"Somebody is going to redeem the reputation of our children for this," the mother of one band member told the Brazosport Facts. "They were on a witch-hunt, trying to create cult business in this area to suit their own purposes... victimizing our children in the process."

Parents of the band members have vowed legal action unless they get a public apology.

Religious Freedom Alert

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Army Ranger troops are upset because they are being mistaken for Aryan Skinheads. When Rangers go down town they are jumped by Black gang members.

Michael J. Stotts vs. a corrupt U.S. justice system

In 1977 Michael J. Stotts was convicted of a federal offense and sentenced to serve six years in a federal prison. During his prison term, he became very active in prison reform and in aiding fellow inmates in the filing of civil rights cases. His outspokenness against inner prison injustices targeted him as a much disliked individual by justice and prison authorities.

While returning from a work release program, Stotts was stopped by a New Orleans police officer for a traffic violation. Stotts requested that the officer inform federal authorities of this delay as it would make it impossible for him to return at the appointed time.

Despite this, he was charged with attempting to escape, a mere two weeks before his scheduled release.

Stotts refused to plead guilty to this fabricated charge despite the pressure placed on him to do so. He was then held in the St. Martin Parish Jail pending trial where he shared a cell with three other men. Federal Prosecutor, Larry Moon, vowed to make Stotts pay for his refusal to plead guilty, and for "costing the government money to take the case to trial." Stotts represented himself in the trial and, regardless of the evidence to the contrary, was found guilty and sentenced to serve three more years. He was then returned to the federal prison system pending a U.S. Fifth Circuit Court Appeal.

After Stotts returned to prison, and without his knowledge, the 12-member jury which sat on his escape trial received extortion and death threats from the three men who briefly shared Stotts' cell while awaiting trial. The letters were hand written and signed by the three men — Jack D. Segura, Wilfred A. Fabiano, and James Poole — with the return address being St. Martin Parish Jail.

While Stotts was in El Reno, Oklahoma Federal Prison, he was questioned by FBI agent Bill Brown of the Oklahoma City FBI Office. Agent Brown forced Stotts to flee the questioning room to return to his cell after threatening demands. Two inmates, Bill Culp and Jay Thornborough, were returning from the prison recreation area, witnessing this threat, and signing a statement to that effect.

Stotts wrote a letter to Senator Alan Cranston, and telephoned the U.S. Attorney's Office regarding the threat. Nothing more was heard from this for some time.

Stotts was transferred to the federal prison in Oxford, Wisconsin. There he was stabbed,

almost killed a mere one week after refusing to testify in a prison investigation. His appeal on the escape charge was denied, which he decided not to refile since he had so little time remaining in his sentence. He elected to not cause any fuss, riding out the remaining time. This is not what the federal officials wanted.

This time Stotts was only four months away from his release date when he was indicted on mail extortion charges from the letters written by the three men in St. Martin Parish Jail some two years before.

Two of the men, Segura and Fabiano, admitted to Stotts and his attorney that they had written the letters without Stotts' knowledge. Handwriting analysts confirmed that none of the letters were written by Stotts, nor were his fingerprints found on any of them.

At the trial, Federal Judge John M. Duhe, Jr., denied Stotts' request for a separate trial; denied all of Stotts' defense motions (calling of witnesses such as Senator Cranston and others who could prove that the government's witnesses were unreliable), and went on to deny a delay in the trial. This obviously made it impossible for Michael Stotts to present any of the evidence that would prove his innocence. Stotts earlier had even offered to take a polygraph test. This was also denied.

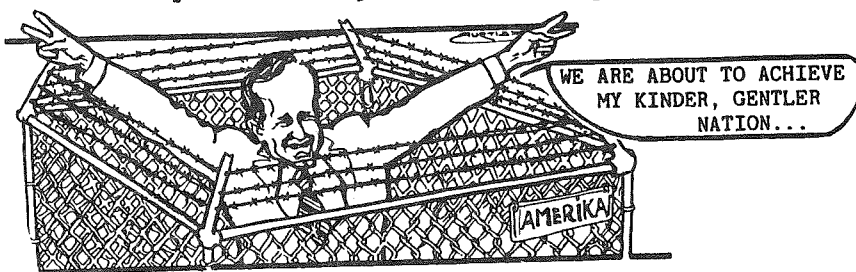
Due to all the animosity aired by the judicial system against Michael J. Stotts, he was found guilty, and was sentenced to serve 75 more years for a crime which he did not commit.

This is a brief overview of a long and trying case of one man who has long suffered at the vengeful hands of the justice system. Michael J. Stotts is 30 years old, having served 11 years in prison. He is currently serving an addition 75 years for a crime he didn't commit. On two occasions, just prior to his release, charges have been filed against him only to serve as an impediment to his much deserved freedom. Simply because one man is brave enough, and cares enough to stand up against injustices in the struggle for prison reform and in the name of civil rights, he had been denied his freedom.

The National Educator

U. S. News & World Report calls Lyndon LaRouche a conservative. Humbug!

Mr. LaRouche is a statist with impulses similar to those of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. He is an authoritarian socialist. It confers no credit on *U. S. News* that they suppose LaRouche a conservative.



Time for black America

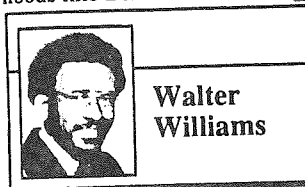
In the heady days of the '60s and '70s there weren't enough black conservatives to get a game of pinochle going. Black conservatives are still nothing to write home about, but their numbers are on the upswing. Conservatism may not be the ultimate philosophical home for blacks, but it's a fairly safe bet if won't be liberalism. Liberalism has done more harm to blacks than one-time Georgia Gov. Lester Maddox, Mississippi's Theodore Bilbo, who wanted to deport all black Americans, and all the Klansmen could have ever done.

Let's look at it. The liberal philosophy that criticized chaste sex mores had its most devastating impact on blacks. Having given up traditional values, where black teen illegitimacy was once lower than whites (1918), and total black illegitimacy was 13 percent (1939), today's black illegitimacy is 55 percent. Kids living in two-parent families are down to less than 50 percent where it once stood at 85 percent.

Criminal coddling is another component of liberal philosophy; it has made life a nightmare for many blacks. Murder is the chief cause of death for young black males. In some black neighborhoods, people don't dare go near their windows, or they sleep on the floor for fear of being hit by stray bullets. In some neighborhoods, delivery men and telephone repairmen refuse to service customers or demand escorts for fear of robbery and assault. There's the mass destruction of public telephones, parks, swimming pools, and other amenities important to poor people who may not be able to afford private phones or visit national parks or swim at country clubs.

The same liberals blessed the nation with widespread drug usage. Those who argued against LSD, marijuana, and cocaine were portrayed as cranks and pariahs interfering with good clean fun. Laughter and ridicule greeted the person who suggested these drugs might

lead to addiction. Now drugs are in. They've had their worst effect on blacks, turning youths into rap-talking zombies and pushers, and black neighborhoods into Beirut.



Walter Williams

Liberals virtually destroyed any chances for black academic excellence. Their early battle was against standard curriculum, that is, "course irrelevant to the black experience." Emboldened by that success, they virtually eliminated all traditional academic standards which they portrayed as irrelevant or possibly racist. Substituted were student rights to: use foul language, absent themselves, disrupt classes, assault teachers and fellow students, and have a contentless curriculum. Today, large numbers of black students cannot begin to meet academic qualifications for admittance to colleges. But not to worry, liberals attacked college tests and academic standards as racist.

It's high time that blacks realize that many politicians, judges, police, and school authorities hold contempt for their right to live normal, peaceful, productive lives. Black politicians, "leaders," and civil rights organizations have sold us a bill of goods — rotten goods, double-talk, and unconscionable deceit. For example, they fight tooth and nail against proposals for tuition tax credits or school vouchers to give parents an educational choice for their children. They say, let's save public schools and not give up hope. Yet the good Rev. Jesse Jackson, Del. Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.), and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, and others, send their children to private schools.

Blacks cannot depend on politicians. They must protect their own neighborhoods, even if that means using violence to clean up drug corners and crack-houses. They must show up on school premises to mete out instant justice to miscreants. "Williams," you say, "that sounds like vigilantism." Well, I say: What do you do when established legal authorities refuse to do their job — just sit and take it? And for how long?

Walter Williams is an economist with George Mason University.

POWs ALIVE

New evidence of living prisoners of war (POWs) in Vietnam was revealed recently by a Japanese priest released from a Vietnamese prison where Americans are alive, *Sleven Sez* reported. This was denied by the Vietnamese Embassy in Tokyo.

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Strange use of 'tragedy'

In your article Sept. 9, "Magistrate denies bond to Cullinane," you quoted Bucky Catoe as saying that "the tragedy of this whole thing is that someone almost got killed." That seems to be a strange use of the word "tragedy."

Judge Catoe should have been expressing admiration for the cool symmetry displayed by two men well trained in the careful use of firearms. When someone almost gets killed, but does not, it would appear to an unemotional observer, that such was NOT a tragedy, but a cause for rejoicing.

Both Officer McMartin and Cullinane have been trained in the use of firearms and the protection of human life, things which, unfortunately, appear to mystify Bucky Catoe.

Darrell Hinson
Campobello

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DOCTORS RESUSCITATE RIVAL

TWO DOCTORS saved the life of an elderly lawyer who had a heart attack and collapsed as he was beginning to argue a malpractice suit against them. Associated Press reported that on June 23, 1983, Dr. Ala Al-Mashat and Dr. Ferdinand F. Szabo of Berwick, Pa., sprang from seats behind the defense table and rushed to aid John Arnold Crisman, 71.

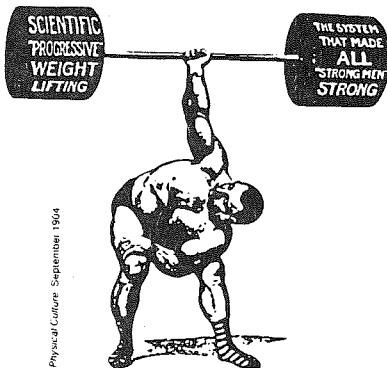
Al-Mashat checked the stricken man for vital signs, quickly opened his jacket and shirt and began a steady rhythmic

pumping on his chest while Szabo began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

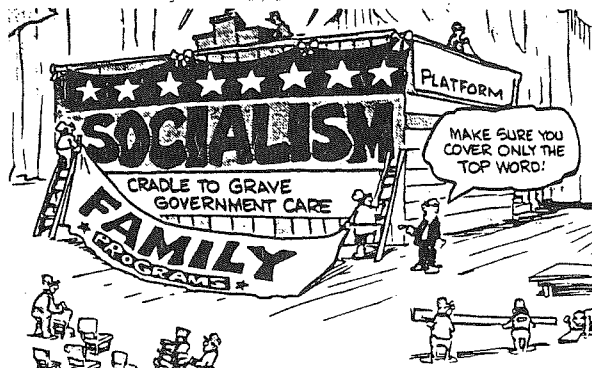
Moments earlier, Crisman had told the jury how a "lack of skill, care, diligence and good judgment" on the part of the doctors had caused his client, Norman R. Houck, to suffer complications after gallbladder surgery three years ago.

Crisman was conscious by the time the ambulance arrived but in serious condition. The judge declared a mistrial.

U.S. News & World Report: "Socialist pledge? Though reciting the Pledge of Allegiance has become a test of patriotism for some candidates, the pledge itself has roots that might startle George Bush and others. It was written by a socialist. Francis Bellamy, onetime vice president of the Society of Christian Socialists, penned it in 1892 to commemorate Columbus's discovery of America. Bellamy preached against the evils of capitalism and, according to one scholar, likely saw the pledge as a "loyalty oath" to big government. He also once gave a speech entitled 'Jesus the Socialist'."



■ **Moon to Cozy Up to Castro.** It may not be long before people flying into Havana's Jose Marti Airport are greeted by youngsters hawking flowers. Word is out that the Rev. Sung Myung Moon's Unification Church is trying to establish a presence in Cuba. At the current time, the United States does not have diplomatic relations with Cuba. Watch for a well-known Washington conservative organization — now on the Moon payroll — to call upon the Bush Administration to establish full diplomatic relations with Castro. This Rev. Moon initiative won't make his anti-communist followers very happy.



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ACLU wins case against strip searches

ACLU of Mid-Missouri was able recently to win a court victory which may mitigate the routine abuses practiced by Missouri law enforcement agencies. In June U.S. District Court Judge Scott Wright ruled that the Strip Search and Body Cavity Search Policy of the Boone County Jail violated both the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Missouri statutes.

The ACLU had sued the Sheriff of Boone County on behalf of eleven of a group of anti-apartheid protestors who were arrested in February by University of Missouri (UMC) Police acting on the direct orders of UMC administrators. The eleven were each awarded \$1,000 for actual damages and an additional \$250 each for punitive damages. In addition to the damage awards, attorney's fees were also awarded.

A spokesman for the Missouri Sheriff's Association was quoted in the Columbia Daily Tribune as saying that this ruling would change search practices at jails throughout the state. Under previous policy, at many jails throughout the state, any citizen accused of violating any city ordinance or committing any state misdemeanor, including traffic offenses, who was unable to post bond, was routinely subjected to the strip search procedure.



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\$14 trillion!

By Calvin Knox
The Justice Times

Real debt?

With the "national debt" at just under \$3 trillion, Americans hardly feel comfortable about rearing their children in the land of the free and the home of the brave. But they would feel a lot worse if they knew what the real national debt is.

Brace yourself, because I'm going to tell you.

When all government liabilities are counted (those are the bills for which the government is financially liable, and for which Congress ought to be criminally liable), the United States of America owes \$14,093,796,000,000; that's fourteen trillion, ninety-three billion, seven-hundred ninety-six million dollars.

It is owed in the form of public (national) debt, the general borrowing to fund the budget; accounts payable; long-term contracts; insurance commitments; loan and credit guarantees; undelivered orders; annuity programs; unadjudicated claims; and international commitments and other contingencies, according to the latest Annual Treasury Report. \$57,526 for every single American!

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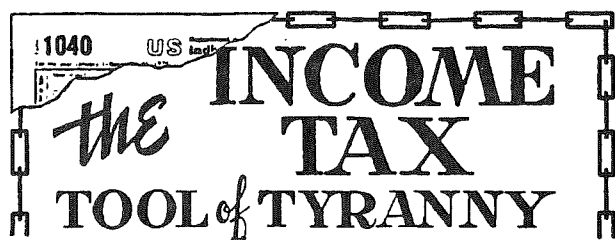


Q: Why does a Jew always answer a question with a question?

A: And why should a Jew not answer a question with a question?

Erica Jong
Fear Of Flying

Did the Devil really Influence Jim & Tammie, or Was It I.R.S. ???



Ex-agent likens IRS to 'Twilight Zone'

By DIANE DUSTON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A longtime Internal Revenue Service agent, who said he had resigned because he had been advised to lie to Congress, told a House subcommittee Thursday he felt as if he had been "in the Twilight Zone."

Paul Duncan, a former Criminal Investigative Division agent, said he was sought by Congress in 1987 to testify about a money-laundering case in Arkansas that he had helped investigate. Duncan said it appeared a U.S. attorney was stalling the case.

"The perception by people in Arkansas was that there was a government cover-up in the case," said Duncan. "I thought the (House Judiciary) subcommittee was looking into those concerns."

He said he was told by an attorney with the IRS Disclosure Litigation office not to offer an opinion to the subcommittee on whether the case was being stalled.

Before he was to testify, Duncan said, he received a phone call with a tip on possible bribery of a "high-level government official" connected with the case.

He said an IRS attorney told him that, if he was asked about the matter by the subcommittee, he should respond, "I have no information on that."

Duncan said he felt that would be perjury and said he would not testify rather than lie.

Eventually, after many heated discussions, Duncan said, his superiors at the IRS said he could say that he got a phone call with the tip.

Duncan said he did testify on the money-laundering case in February 1988, telling about the tip. Duncan did not describe the case any further or say what the outcome of his testimony was.

Duncan said he had quit the IRS after 17 years with the service because "I could not reconcile what happened. It was like being in the Twilight Zone."

Duncan testified on the third day

of hearings before the House Government Operations subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs.

The subcommittee has been probing allegations that the IRS works so hard to protect its image that it allows its own employees to commit misdeeds rather than expose them to publicity.

"They are very protective of what gets in the papers because it might tarnish our image," said Paul Whitmore, an IRS agent who worked in Little Rock but now is director of special agent training in Glynco, Ga.

During the testimony this week, witnesses have disagreed on whether the inspectors who investigate misdeeds within the agency should be separated so they can not be influenced by those they are supposed to be watching.

Whitmore said he thought they should be separated; but the new Internal Revenue Service commissioner, Fred Goldberg, said many tax professionals thought it would be a "fatal mistake" to make IRS employee watchdogs more independent.

Goldberg, in testimony prepared for Thursday, said the investigation already had led to changes but that he was not ready to make a quick judgment about the agency's internal security system.

Michael Murphy, Goldberg's senior deputy, said in prepared testimony, "Although the subcommittee's investigation has led us to re-examine and strengthen our inspection operation, we believe it is correctly structured and appropriately placed within the total organization."

General Accounting Office investigator Jennie Stathis told the subcommittee Thursday that her staff had looked into the IRS plans for improvement and had concluded it was too early to tell if they would be effective.

She said the data that the IRS allowed accounting-office investigators to see "had limited value" in showing whether the agency was doing a good job policing itself.

A HARTLEPOOL football fan who was heard chanting "Harry Roberts is our friend" has been fined £300 by York magistrates.

Mark Wheldrake, a 23-year-old gravedigger, of

Sandsend Crescent, Hartlepool, yesterday admitted using threatening, abusive and insulting words which were likely to provoke unlawful violence, at York City Football ground during a second round FA Cup tie last December.

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Ponderable Quote

I have found from many observations that sometimes [the] liberal is incapable of granting anyone else his own convictions and immediately answers his opponent with abuse or something worse.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky
The Idiot

People Who Love Liberty

The black-mulatto division did make one of its rare appearances in the press when Tracy Lynn Morrow, a 27-year-old clerk-typist, filed a discrimination suit against her dark black female supervisor, Ruby Lewis, and the Internal Revenue Service. She charged she had lost her chance at two promotions in the Atlanta office of the IRS and had been fired solely because of her lighter coloration. Government lawyers argued that a person of one race cannot sue another person of the same race for discrimination. Judge Charles A. Moye Jr., denying a motion to dismiss, responded that if Caucasians can be separated into subraces and a white can sue another white for discrimination (Jews vs. WASPs, for example), as happens from time to time, then blacks must also have this privilege. The case will go to trial, but as yet no date has been set.

It is well known to blacks but not to whites that black organizations, black colleges and even black beauty contests continually favor light-skinned Negroes over their darker brothers and sisters.

Color discrimination in IRS?

Absurd, Bizarre

Cardinal Bernardin, who was scheduled to give eight talks during the Lenten season over CBS-owned WBBM-AM Chicago. After his opening homily on Ash Wednesday, Bernardin was cut off the air. The radio station decided it wanted no religious material like that coming out of its transmitter. So a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church, the largest religious congregation in America (53 million), was arbitrarily banned

Bodies found

TWO bodies were found intact yesterday two days after a thief stole a van from a funeral director's.

The vehicle, snatched from Croydon, Surrey, was found in a garage in Norbury, south-west London. A boy is to appear at Croydon Juvenile Court.