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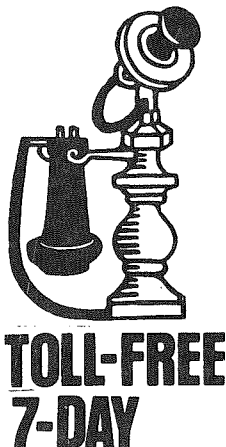
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## A Minority View

A MINORITY view? Do - these idiots think a majority is in favor of cruel, wasteful, too high taxes?

# Rampant taxes abridge our economic rights

By WALTER E. WILLIAMS

**D**r. Martin Anderson, senior fellow of the Hoover Institution and former presidential adviser, has always argued that we need some kind of constitutional protection of our economic rights, which he sets forth in a pamphlet, "An Economic Bill of Rights." The president has seen the argument and is apparently ready to lend it the power and prestige of the White House.

While the framers of our Constitution produced the world's most perfect set of rules to promote a free society, they were remiss in not guaranteeing our economic freedoms. The Constitution's language is quite clear in the protection against government violation of precious liberties like speech, religion, assembly, trial by jury and others enunciated in the Bill of Rights. The phraseology of the Bill of Rights says it all: "Congress shall make no law ... prohibiting ... abridging ... infringing" these precious rights.

Nothing in the Constitution gives similar protection to our economic liberties. The document leaves it up to Congress. Congress can take 20, 40, or 70 percent of our earnings. It's up for grabs. Congress and state legislators, acting in



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the interests of powerful lobby groups, can control all our pocketbook rights. So it's high time we had some kind of constitutional guarantee of our economic rights.

In a bicentennial speech on July 3 at the Jefferson Memorial, President Reagan said, "Over the past 40 years, however, the growth of government has left our citizens with less control over their economic lives. What America needs now is an Economic Bill of Rights that guarantees four fundamental freedoms: the freedom to work; the freedom to enjoy the fruits of one's labor; the freedom to own and control one's property; the freedom to participate in a free market."

In my book the president earns an "A" in identifying the four freedoms we need to have protected. But he rates only a "C-minus" for his proposed initiatives to secure those freedoms. Reagan proposes to secure economic freedoms by establishing a Commission on Privatization, reconstituting the Task Force on Regulatory Relief, and pushing welfare reform. The only thing saving his proposed initiatives for securing our economic rights from an "F" are those calling for a line-item veto and Balanced Budget-Spending Limitation Amendment.

A Balanced Budget-Spending Limitation Amendment would place a ceiling on the amount of our earnings Congress could take. The 1982 version of this amendment, worked

out by the National Tax Limitation Committee (NTLC), which passed the Senate only to be defeated in the House, contained a clause saying: "Total outlays in any fiscal year shall not increase by a percentage greater than the percentage increase in nominal gross national product in the last calendar year prior to the beginning of said fiscal year." The NTLC blue ribbon committee, of which I was a member, sought an amendment to hold the line on government spending at the 1982 level which could only be exceeded by the president's declaring a national emergency with two-thirds of both Houses of Congress concurring, or it could be exceeded with a three-fourths vote in both Houses.

Obviously, Congress does not want a limit on what they can spend. It appears we'll have to go the Article V route and have two-thirds of the state legislatures call for reconvening the constitutional convention for the narrow purpose of enacting a Balanced Budget-Spending Limitation Amendment. Thirty-two states have already done so; we only need two more. If the president starts a national campaign to reconvene the constitutional convention, you'll know the White House is serious about economic freedom.

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Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and an adjunct scholar of the Heritage Foundation.



**Nativity Scenes** have been outlawed from public display in many towns throughout the U.S.A.

"The Israelites had lived and prospered for centuries without a State, but when they asked Samuel for a king, he really laid it on the line: your king will take your lands, your children, your goods and your freedom, and you shall cry out in that day."

A New Dawn for America: The Libertarian Challenge

Roger L. MacBride  
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# 'Robin Hood style' tax hurts efficiency

**TORONTO — (CP) —** The spirit of Robin Hood was evoked by an economist yesterday and shown to be an impediment to progress.

Arthur Laffer, economics professor at University of Southern California, said over-taxing people's income robs them of the incentive to work.

Applying the mythical Robin Hood theory of taking from the rich to give to the poor, Laffer said an employer or high-wage earner learns quickly that it "doesn't pay to get ripped off."

"How long would it take you to learn not to travel through Nottingham forest when you knew you'd be robbed?" he asked delegates to a conference sponsored by the Ontario Economic Council.

"In the long run, the Robin Hood concept makes the poor worse off.

There is nothing left to give them. Raising taxes excessively at the higher level makes it worse at the lower level."

Laffer, also a partner in the Boston consulting firm of H. C. Wainwright and Co., said reducing the tax base would lead to more employment, less welfare dependence and less tax evasion.

When taxes were cut in the U.S. several years ago, spending as a share of the gross national product increased by 2.5 per cent.

Laffer said he supports the theory of making interest rates on mortgage payments tax deductible, a concept also proposed by Opposition Leader Joe Clark.

However, he would not specify how such a policy might be applied in Canada.

Another U.S. economist told the more than 300 delegates it is unfair to attack inflation at the wage level without offering workers some benefits in the form of tax incentives.

Arthur Okun of the Washington-based Brookings Institution said U.S. workers are told it is unpatriotic to demand high wages under the country's voluntary price and wage controls.

"But why should they believe in this when there is no bonus - tax break - to make the sacrifice more equitable?"

J. R. Allan, vice-president of University of Windsor, Ont., said tax indexation - increasing tax exemptions in proportion to inflation - is a commendable concession by government.

But he noted that the concession is

made at a high cost to government cash requirements and wondered whether the concession could be continued indefinitely.

"If its prospective costs are considered too high, I would recommend a partial off-setting by a modest proportional surtax," he said.

"It may also be necessary to arrest temporarily the indexation, or at least the full indexation of some of the social welfare programs. Whatever the measure chosen, and it is clear there are no easy choices, it is essential that the total cash requirements of governments be reduced in order that interest rates may be lowered without the necessity of any acceleration in the growth of money supply.

"We cannot spend our way to a healthier economy."

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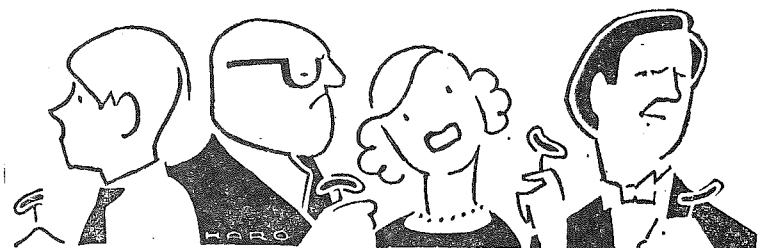
## Overseas Dead Get Social Security

The commissioner of the Social Security Administration said last month documenting what's a legal benefit and that a random check indicates the what's not in a foreign country," he United States is paying benefits over-said, citing language barriers, cultural seas to dead people and for dependents differences and distance as the major who represent "paper adoptions." reasons for the documentation problems.

In an interview with United Press International, Social Security Commissioner Jack A. Svahn said he has discovered "in recent months that we do have a problem with overseas checks" they collect. Monthly benefit checks and pinpointed the Phillipines, Mexico, currently sent overseas range from \$300 Greece and Italy as major problem to \$600. Payments outside the United States now amount to almost \$1 billion annually.

He said investigators had found that annually. In addition to checking closer on individuals who were dead and for dependents acquired in "paper adoptions" be to change the law, excluding benefits who were not being supported by the beneficiary leaves the United States.

## Save a last dance for the taxman



IF your boss isn't smiling at the Christmas office dance this year, blame the Inland Revenue. For the scrooges in Britain's tax offices are now clamping down on the traditional beans.

They claim free parties are a taxable perk. And because millions of pounds may be involved, the taxmen are planning to backdate their purge and question companies about Christmas dances in previous years.

It is all part of a drive to tax higher-paid employees on the benefits they receive, says a report today in Accountancy Age.

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## The taxman demands a share in the wages of sin

By LIN JENKINS

THERE was little love lost between one of the world's oldest professions and the taxman when they met in the High Court yesterday. Prostitute Lindi St. Claire began her fight to be exempt from paying tax on the grounds that her trade is considered illegal.

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Vice girls picket court

## Sleeping policemen

NOISY thieves escaped with a £20,000 haul from a warehouse . . . under the noses, and ears, of police. The cheeky gang smashed open two sets of gates, used a forklift to load computers and office equipment on to the firm's own lorry, then roared off into the night. Now officers at Gerrards Cross, Bucks, police station—right opposite the warehouse—are asking for help . . . from anyone who heard anything.

## The National Taxpayers Union

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## FAST quantities of knockout drugs ARE being used in British jails.

According to prison officers and papers smuggled to the Daily Mirror, "many litres" of major tranquillisers are administered to inmates of Brixton every week.

Statements taken allege that Wormwood Scrubs and Parkhurst are other jails where the so-called "liquid cosh" is regularly given as an aid to discipline.

And some dosages are so strong that it has been claimed at least one prisoner was "kept permanently on his knees."

This is a direct contradiction of Home Office claims that drugs are administered to prisoners only when ill-health demands it.

The Mirror has in its possession copies of pharmacy order forms from Brixton's F wing — which houses dangerous Category A prisoners as well as mentally-disturbed men who have been turned away by top security hospitals like Rampton and Broadmoor.

The forms list 14 different drugs.

Three of them — Stellazine, Serenace and Disipal — are, according to a medical expert, "used only in the treatment of severe psychiatric illness."

As much as two litres each of Stellazine and Serenace are used each week to control the 50 prisoners on the wing's No. 3 landing.

## Strong

A drug not listed—but which is, according to information, in regular use—is Largactil, another ultra-strong tranquilliser.

It has been administered in British prisons since 1958 as an alternative to the straitjacket.

One former Brixton officer said: "Up to four litres of Largactil are used every week on that landing."

"A normal dose would be 50 milligrammes . . . but I know of one prisoner who was kept on his knees just about permanently by 300 milligramme doses given three times a day."

## MIDNIGHT sex romps at a Defence Ministry base have been ruled out of order by the top brass.

Thirty-five soldiers and their army girlfriends have been marched before their CO and told: "You're behaving like animals."

And he warned them that if the naughty

## 'Bears please' storm

By CLIVE CRICKMER

SCHOOLGIRL Lesley Ashley looks quite happy carrying her giant teddy bear Benny

But the 12-year-old athlete wasn't smiling after taking him to a sports meeting as her team's mascot.

For as she boarded a bus for the 5p trip to the stadium, the driver-conductor looked at the four-foot toy and told Lesley: "You'll have to pay for that as well."

## Unfair

And forking out that extra 3p meant she had to carry Benny the two miles home because she'd only taken 10p with her.

Now the Tyneside-based Northern General Transport has admitted the fare for the bear was unfair . . . and is willing to refund the money.

But Lesley, of Tower Avenue, Hebburn, said yesterday: "I never realised how heavy Benny is. I was worn out when I got home."

Her mum, Faith, 38, added: "It was a petty, shabby attitude."

REPLIES to an advertisement for 250 air girls have really taken off . . . WITH THIRTY THOUSAND applicants.

An airline spokesman said last night: "It seems EVERYONE wants to be a British Caledonian girl."

# ARMY'S SADISTIC SEVEN

A BUNCH of barrack-room bullies nicknamed "the sadistic seven" have been carpeted by the Army.

The seven—an officer and six NCOs—were found guilty of ill-treating and beating rookie recruits at a giant training camp. One was made to kiss an officer's boots.

Fines of up to £400 were handed out to the soldiers at a summary hearing behind closed doors at the Whittington Barracks in Lichfield, Staffs.

By PETER GAME

The Army last night refused to name the seven—but said that six of them, including the officer, have been removed from the Prince of Wales Division depot and banned from training recruits.

The hearing followed an investigation by the Army's special investigation branch after complaints from four young victims.

## KICKED

One of them, 17-year-old Leslie Banner, submitted a statement complaining of brutality which was read out at the hearing.

In the statement, he alleged that recruits were often beaten and kicked by their superiors.

He claimed that he was once grabbed by the hair, forced to the ground and made to kiss the boots of a Sandhurst-trained lieutenant.

Leslie—who discharged himself from the Army after making the statement—also alleged he was beaten across the back with a stick and made to endure "the jugular vein job."

## ANOTHER SUN EXCLUSIVE

as telephonists, drivers and clerks at the camp — decided to call the CO's bluff.

The young bachelor trooper said: "If the doors are taken away we will hang blankets in their places and carry on as usual."

## UPTIGHT

He added: "We cannot understand why the C.O. is getting so uptight."

Colonel Anderson, of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, said last night: "I merely pointed out that if the privacy the

"We were punched on the side of the neck on a certain pressure point that made you feel dizzy for hours," he said.

## NECK

"When we asked them why they were so brutal to us they said it was to see how much we could take. They were a real sadistic seven."

"Another of their punishments was the 'ear-ache job' where a corporal used to bite us hard on our ear lobes."

Leslie said that one of the NCOs once pushed a marching drill pace stick up his nostril.

Another time, he said, a machete was hurled at a recruit to frighten him. It missed the boy by inches.

The three other recruits who made formal complaints of ill-treatment, have also since resigned from the Army.

An Army spokesman said last night that the seven had received three reprimands and severe reprimands.

He added: "These were serious charges, but it was felt they could be dealt with summarily rather than go to a full court martial."

Leslie, who spent just 77 days in the Army and is now unemployed, claimed the hearing was "an absolute whitewash."

He said: "Nothing has been done in the open. I am taking legal action to get compensation for what they did to me."

Last month, Lt. Jeremy Deedes was dismissed from the service after a court martial found him guilty of ill-treating recruits at the Light Infantry Depot at Shrewsbury.

men have been granted is going to be misused, the only answer is open-plan living quarters.

"I hope very much that nobody is going to abuse the privacy privileges again. If they do I shall have to think seriously about it."

He added: "Life is perfectly normal here, but we do have rules."

Officers have responsibilities towards their charges and some girls are only 18 years old.

"There comes a time when one has to decide that these abuses must not happen again."

# HQ SEXY ROMPS

# Naughty labels can lead to jail

**MOTORISTS who display naughty carstickers to raise a giggle or cause a blush could end up in jail.**

A town's magistrates were told yesterday that offending drivers could be sent to prison for a month or fined £20 ... under a 19th century Act.

The Wigan Bench was dealing with 22-year-old Geoffrey Gorner, who bought two car stickers for his Hillman Hunter at a custom car show at Belle Vue, Manchester.

## Message

The six inch stickers with black lettering on a white background intended as a blunt message to vandals.

But they contained the most infamous four-letter word and warned: "If you value your life as much as I value this car, don't \* \* \* with it."

And when Gorner stuck them on the quarter lights of his car, two policemen quickly got the message.

## Letter

Yesterday Gorner, of Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, near Wigan, faced a summons brought under the 1889 Indecent Advertisements Act alleging that he exhibited obscene printed matter.

He was convicted in his absence, but explained in a letter: "I didn't really know it was an offence ... but I suppose it wasn't very nice, really."

Gorner was fined £15—and the court kept the offending stickers.

## 'SCANDAL' OF PULLED TEETH

PATIENTS at top security mental hospitals have had their teeth pulled out—to stop them biting other patients and staff.

This was revealed yesterday by a group campaigning against alleged brutality at Rampton security hospital, Notts.

The group have told Social Services Secretary Patrick Jenkin that it may sue the hospital and staff on behalf of the patients.

They complain of 'inhuman and degrading conditions.'

## Cosh

A Health Department

# Law's blue night bugged

A STEAMY stag night for the Old Bill should have been enough to turn the blue lamp red.

But the police revellers had the plug pulled on their antics when a bugging device was discovered.

They had paid out for a slap-up meal, strippers, topless waitresses and a blue comedian for their private party.

The comic told them: "When the girls come round, if any of you fancy a cuddle it's OK."

"The first one is out of this world—the

Planet of the Apes."

The bug was discovered just as a blonde stripper went into action.

Keith Newman, owner of Nan's Pantry banqueting hall at Redbridge, Essex, found it when he was closing some curtains.

He held up the tape recorder and told the coppers: "That's it lads. One of you has been recording the show. The girls are going home."

## NEWS OF THE WORLD

**DOORMAN Dean Glover was furious when police raided a saucy hen-night — for he claimed he had seen far raunchier antics at a bobbies' stag party.**

During the women's thrash, male strippers had "harmless" fun with the audience.

"But the police do was unbelievable," said 33-year-old Dean, who was on the door for both parties—held at different pubs in Redditch, Worcs.

"When their girl stripper finished doing her usual act, the 80 coppers there had a whip-round for something extra."

"One policeman was stripped, rubbed all over with baby oil by the girl, had a red ribbon tied in a box on his most intimate part, and ended up having sex on the floor."

spokesman admitted: "Teeth are removed if the patient is a hazard to others."

THE British Medical Association was urged yesterday to investigate the use of the "liquid cosh"—tranquillising drugs—to control prisoners.

Three doctors have sent the BMA a dossier of evidence showing that drugs are being used for disciplinary rather than medical purposes.

**PRETTY Debra Piper was upset when an amorous Arab asked her to sin for her supper.**

He stepped in with his offer when she was caught short of cash at a late night takeaway.

But Debra squirted vinegar in his eyes, a court heard yesterday.

The Arab complained to police and yesterday Debra admitted conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Mr. John Revel, pro-

**PREGNANT mum Sharon Price was terrified when a group of armed men burst into her home in an early-morning raid.**

Dressed only in a nightie, she was held at gunpoint as the men searched the house.

Her four-year-old son Carl was dragged downstairs screaming, she claims, and the men kept swearing at her and telling her to shut up.

But the gang were not burglars—they were POLICEMEN.

## Knocking

Mrs Price, who also has a daughter Natalie, two, only recently came out of hospital after losing one of the twins she is expecting in three months.

She said: "There was a tremendous knocking on the door, and when I

MRS. JAYNE PRICE was having coffee with a neighbour, and her house was empty, when the two men walked up to her front door. One rang the doorbell. All was quiet.

He motioned to his companion, who stepped forward carrying a small bag of tools. Within seconds, the second man had slipped the lock, the door was open, and the men were inside.

Later that morning, 31-year-old Mrs. Price returned home and opened the front door with her key. At first, everything appeared normal.

On her doormat was a piece of paper. She picked it up and saw it was addressed to somebody in another street. She glanced at it and put it to one side.

She walked to the kitchen to cook her lunch, quite unaware there had been intruders in the house.

## Shock

But when she turned on her gas cooker she had a shock. Nothing happened. She tried another knob. Again nothing.

And then she thought back to that piece of paper she had found inside the front door. It had been something to do with the gas board.

She ran back and looked in the cupboard where her gas meter was kept. It had gone.

# A SEXY ARAB

secuting, told Exeter magistrates that she told police:

"These Arabs are trying to get me into bed and they have only offered me a quid."

Mr. David Pay, defending, said that Debra of St. Davids Hill, Exeter,

had only a few pence when she stopped at a late night snack bar.

"The Arab said that if she wanted more food she would have to commit acts of gross indecency," he added.

Magistrates adjourned sentence for a month.

**WHILE MPs make laws in the House of Commons, cleaners who work all round them are paid in "Mickey Mouse" names to avoid tax and national insurance.**

The Department of Health and Social Security and the Inland Revenue know all about it, but have taken no action.

In June, 1983, Mr Ted Cheeseman, regional manager for Exclusive Cleaning, was arrested outside a London bank. He had just cashed 29 cheques made out to false names.

Mr Cheeseman had an office at the House of Commons, where he had helped his firm get the lucrative contract for cleaning the Palace of Westminster.

He told Scotland Yard's Fraud Squad that his company employed "about 50" people at the House of Commons. But the police noticed that regular wages were paid to 85 people, and most of these did not have House of Commons security passes.

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**THERE is no a priori reason why freedom of the Press is in the public interest.**

—Mr John Laws, QC, acting on behalf of the Government last week in the High Court.



# Another constitutional convention would take away individual rights

By DOYLE HENRY

Could our Bill of Rights make it through committee today? Let's see.

Several months ago Reason magazine ran an article which asked the question, "Did the Constitution betray the Revolution?"

I suppose my belief that it did stems, in part, from being of the genes of the clan whose leader "smelt a rat" and prepared to meet the framers head on. Patrick Henry, with his co-adjutor George Mason, spoke for two weeks in June 1788 — in opposition to the "Philadelphia Document," not primarily because of what it didn't have (a full bill of rights), but because Section 9, Article 1, addressing the individual's rights in the "new scheme" was very incomplete.

The new scheme, then, was not meant just to deal with the states — leaving their constitutions to preserve the sacred rights of individuals — but its powers would encompass the national individual. By this implication, the rights not enumerated would be rights not owned.

Mason and Henry would have none of it. Richard Henry Lee was not in the Richmond assembly but worked to preserve the hard-won liberty in a series of articles (Letters of the Federal Farmer).

Thomas Jefferson, who was in Paris at the time, indicated why the Federalists had to satisfy the leader of the opposition: "He was the idol of the country beyond any man who ever lived," — and without the then huge state of Virginia, the union wouldn't stand. The rest is history.

The Bill of Rights, as promised by the Federalists at the ratifying convention, would preserve the revolution.

Today our nation's people are at a similar juncture. As you know, the Constitution provides for its own amending process. The Congress can propose amendments to the states. The states may call a constitutional congress for the purpose of amendments. Two-thirds of the states (or 34 states) are required to do so. Thirty-two legislatures have already voted approval of such a convention.

Given the record of continuing encroachment on the citizen and his substance — by the state and national Legislatures — what are the chances that the individual would be recognizable or unbloodied after being put through a crucible of conveners influenced most by special interest groups?

Groups which, when their voices are heard, are ready to subordinate their members' citizenship to their associative interests?

Such a convention, monitored by Warren Burger or George Will, ready to dilute the First and four other amendments; or monitored by Bill Moyers and Larry King ready to subvert the Second, Ninth, and Tenth amendments; or by Attorney General Edwin Meese or General William Westmoreland ready to delete the First through the Tenth Amendments, would not have one sentinel looking out for the American we have known.

This absence, in light of what we see today, is why I have selected three statements that show the purity of the principles involved and why we must not allow them to touch the Bill of Rights:

1. **Liberty of the Press** (Chief Justice John Marshall): "The genius of the Constitution, and the opinion of the people of the United States, cannot be overruled by those who administer the government. Among those principles deemed sacred in America, among those sacred rights considered as forming the bulwark of their liberty, which the government contemplates with awful reverence and would approach only with the most cautious circumspection, there is no one of which the importance is more deeply impressed on the public mind than the liberty of the press. That this liberty is often carried to excess; that it has sometimes degenerated into licentiousness, is seen and lamented, but the remedy has not yet been discovered."

2. **Freedom for and from Religion** (President James Madison): "If the public homage of a people can ever be worthy the favorable regard of the Holy and Omnipotent Being to whom it is addressed, it must be that in which those who join in it are guided only by their free choice, by the impulse of their hearts and the dictates of their consciences; and such a spectacle must be interesting to all Christian nations as proving that religion, that gift of heaven for the good of men, freed from all coercive edicts, from that unhallowed connection with the powers of this world which corrupts religion into an instrument of an usurper of the policy of the state, and making no appeal but to reason, to the heart and to the conscience, can spread its benign influence everywhere and can attract to the divine altar those freewill offerings of humble supplication, thanksgiving, and praise which alone can be acceptable to Him whom no hypocrisy can deceive and no forced sacrifices propitiate."

Irving Brant's comment from his book "The Bill of Rights": "If it is meaningful that the author of the First Amendment, as president, willingly or unwillingly proclaimed days of prayer and thanksgiving, it is tenfold more significant that the wording destroys the claims that are based upon the fact that he proclaimed them. Where, in the words quoted from his proclamation, is there even microscopic room for the official prayer that the state of New York required to be recited every day in every schoolroom?"

3. **Second Amendment**: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Knowing that this ability of the people to defend themselves put force into and respect for the other rights of the people — into the minds of all who would operate in the public arena — Patrick Henry declared in the Ratifying Convention:

"Liberty, the greatest of all earthly blessings — give us that precious jewel, and you may take everything else! Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined."

Madison knew Henry would never consent to surrender the arms of the people. But, already committed to a federal standing army — as provided for in the Philadelphia Document — the wording of the Second Amendment proved to be a masterstroke in compromise within his then "requisite latitude."

With the big-lettered agencies abounding in both the U.S. and Soviet systems, the means of defense in the hands of Americans is the singular distinction that accounts for our greater freedoms.

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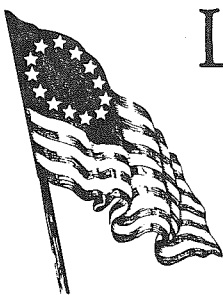
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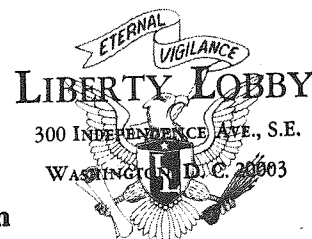
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## Solution to spending can be found at polls

It is common knowledge around the world that sensible people will reduce their spending when they run out of money, but not our politicians. They think the only way to cure a deficit is to increase taxes to cover the loss.

I have lived a lot of years and have yet to hear a politician suggest lowering taxes except during a campaign speech. As soon as he gets elected, he goes into reverse, and spends all his efforts on how to get more taxes out of the taxpayer. Most of the blame for this can be placed on the Democrats; they are now, and always have been, the big spenders. They like to spend money they do not have and then figure out a new tax to get it back. One day soon this will backfire.

The state of Florida just put on a new 5 percent tax on all advertising, and in just a few short months in one county (Orlando-Orange County), they had 66 conventions canceled. They have also had all state-wide advertising canceled by many large firms such as Kellogg and Proctor & Gamble. The loss from the 66 conventions alone totals more than \$18 million. Just think how much loss they will have in state-wide advertising.

There are two things that politicians have done that are just plain stupid. One was the decision to accept federal revenue sharing. At

the time this was started, it cost the taxpayer \$3.65 for every dollar we got back. This cost is now up to \$15 for each one we get back. We all would have been much better off if we had said no to this plan in the first place and just increased our own local and state taxes.

When it comes to spending our tax money, or putting on a new tax, they always do it in the most expensive way possible. Increasing a tax we now have would cost nothing, but these politicians always have to come up with a new kind of tax which will require them to hire a lot of new employees to handle the collection and paper work.

I know we have many politicians who try to consider the taxpayer; however, they are badly outnumbered, and we cannot blame anyone except the voter, who keeps putting the big spenders back in office.

Every department of government, from the federal down to the local school districts, tries its best to spend more than it has just so it will have an excuse to ask for more every year. The sad part of all this is that it will go right on like it is until the voters wake up and decide to do something about it at the polls.

## Spending more money won't balance budget

On July 3, President Reagan revealed a plan to make it more difficult for Congress to spend money and raise taxes. He said that Americans need protection from "the threat of a grandiose, inefficient and overbearing government."

President Reagan:

(1) Proposed a constitutional amendment requiring that any tax increase be approved by a "super-majority" vote in Congress, such as two-thirds or three-fifths instead of a simple majority.

(2) Recommended that spending bills in Congress be accompanied by a statement assessing the economic impact of any spending Congress proposed and identify how the money will be obtained.

He also gave a pitch for several items that Congress has been sitting on for quite a while, including line item veto in spending bills and a Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget.

For over six years this President has been trying to keep congressional spending at a reasonable level. He has also achieved some degree of success in tax reduction.

G.A. RIPPL Virtually every time I turn



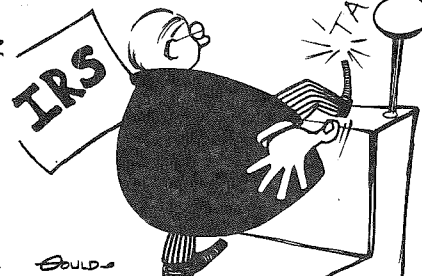
*Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years.  
People grow old only by deserting their ideals.*

— Douglas MacArthur

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It is no unworthy thing to wish to count for something and to do a great work in the world; but we shall count in the final audit not by the measure of our capacity, our business, our energy, but of the tenacity and vitality of our faith and our love.

—Richard Roberts

# Unload the Federal White Elephant

By Walter E. Williams

Columnist Jack Anderson warns, "It's time someone blew the whistle on a Reagan administration scheme that could lead to one of the biggest land grabs by greedy private interests in the nation's history." Now that's a highly emotional statement coming from one of the nation's leading columnists, but what is its analytical worth? Anderson probably wants you to be concerned about land being taken away from you. Let's put some light on this issue.

Forty-two percent of all the land in the United States is owned by some level of government: state, local or federal. The amount owned by the federal government is approximately one-third of all the land in the U.S. — 744 million acres, according to Dr. M. Bruce Johnson, research director of the Pacific Institute for Public Policy Research, and president of the Western Economic Association. Secretary of Interior James Watt has proposed selling some federally owned lands — not all of it, just some of it. As you might have guessed, numerous environmental and conservationist groups, ranging from the Audubon Society to the Sierra Club, have come out against the proposed sale. They say that the land belongs to the people of the United States.

Well, I'm one of the people of the United States; does any of that federal land belong to me? All evidence that I have in my possession says, "No!" How do I know that? It just comes from a simple test that I use to determine whether I own something: Can I sell it? I only own what I can sell. I own things like my shirt, my car, my house. I do not own federal land in Utah.

**ASIDE FROM** the issue of who federally owned land belongs to, there's the issue of how federal control leads to gross land mismanagement. Private ownership of resources, including land, forces the owner to accountability standards. he must use the resource in a way that yields the highest return, i.e., profits. Government bureaucrats, on the other hand, have no such ac-

countability standards; they can mismanage with virtual impunity. What do they have to lose?

Professors John Baden and Richard Stroup in their book, "Bureaucracy vs. Mismanagement," and Professor Gary D. Libecap in his book, "Locking Up The Range," detail government mismanagement of public lands. One case is the Forest Service's logging of vast areas in the Rockies. The value of the wood is far less than the cost of extracting it. The government can ignore this fact and destroy the environment because it is not disciplined by profits. It does not have to compare benefits with costs.

Environmentalists aren't the only people who support large scale federal land ownership. Cattlemen find such an arrangement in their interest, too. If you are a rancher, you can, for a fee, let your cattle graze on government land next to your ranch. The annual rent that you pay to the Bureau of Land Management is well below what it would be on the market, so much so that, if your land is next to the federal land, it sells for a much higher price.

Many cattlemen would much rather deal with politicians than the market for use-rights to grazing land. It's a great arrangement. Total receipts from grazing fees to the government were \$24.9 million in 1981. Outlays by government for the grazing program were \$41.6 million. Who paid this difference? You and I, of course. We paid the ranchers to use federal lands. You would have thought they'd show their gratitude by lowering beef prices.

The best thing we can do is to support Secretary James Watt in his effort to unload this federal white elephant. Without question, federally owned land should be sold to the highest bidder. The only lands that should remain under federal control are those parcels which can further legitimate federal functions, such as national defense. Private citizens can do a better job of putting our remaining land resources to their most productive use.

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## BUSINESS

The Freedom of Choice Movement, a citizens' group pressing for more English-language rights in Quebec, says it will create a provincial political party and run candidates in two byelections on April 30.

Duncan Macdonald, a realtor and chairman of the Freedom of Choice projects committee, said yesterday the party would be led by William Shaw, independent member of the National Assembly for Pointe-Claire.

Macdonald said nomination meetings would be held, probably on the weekend, in Argenteuil riding, northwest of Montreal with about 24 per cent English-speaking voters, and in Jean-Talon riding in Quebec City, where about 10 per cent are English-speaking.

He said the party that would probably suffer the most is the Liberal party, which has enjoyed strong loyalty from English-speaking voters.

Liberal leader Claude Ryan, who is running in Argenteuil, "is emphatic that there can be no return to freedom of choice," Macdonald said.

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YES, WE HAVE NEWS WE HAVE TO RETYPE .... The civil riots movement of the 1980s is called the victims movements. Govt. offices, like prosecutors, hate to help the victims. Now in the old days, the victims had the right to prosecute (& can in civil courts yet!), the king prosecuted only in cases where he was the heir, such as a murder victim having no known relatives to inherit. Or in criminal acts against the king, such as stealing the royal treasury. Victims must go down to court & sue. ....

In the case of Mayflower Madam, the NY court ruled that there was no victim. .... An auto wreck in Costa Rico, just over the Nicaragua border, a driver who was on the wrong road was discovered under anesthesia to speak Russian, not Spanish. Load was explosives. .... IRS computer in Alaska adds amount of taxpayer overpayment, instead of subtracting. (anch Times)....

Governor of Bangkok has vowed: No Smoking, No Meat, & No Sex. He hopes to save dogs from becoming eaten. .... Nazi skinheads attacked & damaged Bound Together Bookstore in San F., tried to break window, but couldn't. .... 3rd report, from Texas, claims AIDS can be spread by mosquito bites. .... In Reagan 6 yrs. as Pres., federal employees increased by 92,000 & payroll by \$20 Billion/year. .... Drug testing is being a way to fire govt. whistle-blow employees. Employee is not given chance to challenge drug test report. .... Lincoln Inst. reports that release of FBI (!) files on Martin Luther King show he "was under communist discipline", that is followed Russian orders. .... Local & state govt. could save a fortune by letting out the work on Dutch bids, to the lowest price. .... 11,500 New Yorkers sent Sen. Alfonso D'Amato how the IRS has blunders & depredatious acts. .... Only blacklist is Salt of the Earth, 1954, on the zinc mines strike. .... U. S. Justice Foundation wants to ask about the \$1.4 million that Jesse Jackson got, & may have devoted from Op. PUSH to his campaign expense, & his group refuses to return to fed. gov. the amount they got too much. .... Sex Disease: Chlamydia, 3 million cases in US, which cause sterility. Wait & see what it does to the birth-rate of the immoral. ....

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## THE BEAUTY WITHOUT, THE UGLINESS WITHIN

ROBERT BRAKEMAN

Contrasts are wonderfully useful teachers, particularly when they're between something immensely beautiful and something atrociously repulsive. Consider for example this collection of contrasting images:

There is, at the main campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, a mile-long strip which is one of the most beautiful spots in the midwest. It's high along the crest of a ridge which follows the southern shoreline of Lake Mendota, and the view of the quietly green campus and the quietly blue lake is picture perfect. Along that ridgeline are most of the campus buildings, and inside those buildings the most outrageous lies are told and picture-perfect ugliness reigns; to cite just one of those lies, students are taught that the state may rightful seize resources from those it dislikes for distribution to those it likes better.

There is, high in the Idaho panhandle, the strikingly beautiful campus of the University of Idaho. Its beauty dominates the small town of Moscow--an ironically appropriate name, since inside the campus buildings the young scholars are taught that those in control of the other Moscow constitute a "government" instead of an armed band of terrorist criminals.

There is, near where the Los Angeles basin meets the Pacific, the stunning campus of UCLA, in Westwood (Westwood thinks it's a city but is actually just a neighborhood of L.A.). Its endlessly rolling lawns and shielding shade trees are as pretty as you would expect---and inside its campus buildings the ugliness is exemplified by the students' being told that it is perfectly appropriate that the state jail people for actions which involve no assault on the person or property of any person on the face of the earth.

There is, up in the northwestern resort-crescent of Michigan, the campus of Northwestern Michigan College. It sprawls in Traverse City, near the shore of Grand Traverse Bay, and it looks like a misplaced redwood grove: The grounds are filled with tall slim trees whose branches don't begin until most of the way up and the pretty north coast of California is the first thing visitors are reminded of when they see the spot. Inside, things are less pretty, for there, five days a week, people are being taught that the lives of citizens are properly toys of the state, that whatever something a "majority" tells something called a "government" to do is fine, as an expression of something called "majority rule" or "democracy".

There is, in a busily productive downtown area, the dramatic tower/campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The view of the city and its exploding suburbs and the Allegheny and the Monongahela and the Ohio they form---the view of all that from one of the campus/tower's higher floors, especially at night, is spectacularly beautiful---just as what goes on inside that tower is spectacularly ugly---as, for instance, when matriculators at the school are informed that good sense demands that the American people be disarmed, for their government will protect them against foreign aggression, and of course they'll never need to be protected against their government.

There is, down at the eastern edge of the delta-realm of Mississippi, the quaintly beautiful Faulknerian campus of the University of Mississippi---Ole Miss. Its atmosphere of magnolias and whippoorwills and jasmine and mockingbirds and warm summer-the-year-around nights is indescribably pretty---just as what's happening inside the campus buildings is indescribably ugly (the suggestion that southern universities have escaped the dementia of the rest of American academia is the sheerest mythology---they have simply come along more slowly; but virtually all of them have now "arrived"). That ugliness is shown when the young Mississippians (few outsiders attend) are told that the murderer, the rapist, the assaulter, the thief, if not responsible for his or her own actions, is a victim of society, and is therefore someone who merits assistance, not punishment.

There is, off in the hill country of New Hampshire, the classically New Englandish campus of Dartmouth, at the village of Hanover. Its right-out-of-MGM-musicals campus is as pretty as it could be, with winding walks and gnetly ancient buildings and friendly shade trees and All The Lawn In The World; and its inside-happenings are just as ugly as they could be, for inside is where the kids are taught that the last chance for reclaiming a free America should be kicked away, by submerging the United States within a world superstate which would make our present socialist government look proliberty by comparison.

There is, on the island of Oahu, the South Seas campus of the University of Hawaii---a campus which is beautiful both for its own sake and by

## THE BEAUTY, continued

virtue of the fact that it's minutes from Waikiki and Diamond Head and Makaha and Waimea Bay and Punchbowl Crater and the Royal Hawaiian and.... and inside the campus buildings is ugliness as unrivalled as the beauty all around outside. Inside is where young Americans are indoctrinated to think that a free economic system is inherently vicious and unproductive and inequitable, that a socialist system is inevitably just and productive and fair, and that therefore the former must be replaced by the latter everywhere on the face of the earth.

There is, on the campus of Michigan State University, in East Lansing, the great carillon tower which features the chime-concertoes for which it is famous as well as as a splendid view of a pretty campus, one with lawns which rise and fall in gently rolling hills and valleys and countless shady nooks where studying is almost fun. Sadly, what's being studied is not as pretty as the campus surroundings, for this is a place where the students are taught that the theft-which-is-inflation is a positive good, that it is needed to combat unemployment, and that those who resist the steady destruction of the purchasing power of the monetary unit (and ultimately of the unit itself) are mired in ignorance and superstition.

There is, on the campus of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, an extraordinary aggregation of beautiful buildings, many of them designed by Thomas Jefferson and all of them calculated to make architecture fanatics out of those who've never thought much of the subject previously---their stately columns and grandly sloping roofs and white-painted steps and internal spaciousness creating a world reminiscent of both Monticello and Mount Vernon. But mention of the "internal" brings us to a problem, for inside is where the young people are taught that it is appropriate for a society's excellent people to (A) have the fruits of their excellence stolen from them by the state and (B) be castigated as oppressors of those less competent than themselves (when in fact they are their benefactors; their excellence only brings them rewards as they spread it around).

There is, finally, a nearly limitless number of "there is"s we could add to this list---but we won't, for the point has been made: Anyone who both looks at American college campuses and thinks about them can conclude but one thing. While they present some of the most beautiful spots in an amazingly beautiful country, their physical loveliness hides a repulsive ugliness within, for they have been, in our time, the leading centers for the propagation of every viciously anti-liberty axiom imaginable. That such indescribably pretty places should be the source of such indescribably ugly proslavery thoughts is----indescribably sad.

## defies law

Associated Press

UXBRIDGE, Mass. — A do-it-yourselfer invited a police officer, a plumbing inspector and the president of a plumbers' group to watch as he challenged a state law banning amateur plumbing.

Outlaw plumber Peter Baghdasarian then did the dirty work, installing a faucet at his home.

Charles Smith, head of the town Health Board, said he intends to file a complaint against Baghdasarian but is awaiting approval from the town's lawyer.

Baghdasarian defied state law by installing the outside faucet as Patrolman Paul Mulrenin, town plumbing Inspector Roger McGloin and President of the Central Massachusetts Gas and Plumbers Association George Novia looked on.

Baghdasarian said he acted to force a confrontation on a law he considers unfair. "The purpose of the law is to intimidate people," he said.

He said he has been pressing local and state officials for change for more than a decade, to no avail. He notified authorities of his intention to install his own plumbing in a house he built in 1974.

## Man moves home to protest zoning

BARRE, Vt. (AP) — Herb Heath didn't like the zoning change the city had introduced to his neighborhood, so he moved — his house.

About 50 people from the neighborhood gathered Tuesday to watch Heath's two-story house being moved about 500 feet from the corner of South Main and Cherry streets to the corner of Pond and Cherry streets.

Crews from Messier House Movers in East Montpelier did the work of lifting the house off its foundation, inching it onto a flatbed truck and using rollers to put it onto its new foundation.

Heath, the owner of Happy Herb's plumbing service, said he wasn't pleased when his South Main Street neighborhood was changed last year from planned residential to commercial zoning.

## Mouth

Attorney General Edwin Meese III, addressing graduating students at the Reverend Jerry Falwell's Liberty University: "The separation of church and state can never mean the separation of morality from politics and government."



Bruce Schobel, a senior policy adviser for the Social Security Administration, explaining why people suffering from AIDS-related illnesses will not necessarily qualify for Social Security disability benefits: "They may be dying, but they might not be disabled."

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*La Rouche*  
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By Miranda Kolbe

SAN FRANCISCO — The Lyndon La Rouche-sponsored AIDS Initiative has returned to California after having been voted down at the polls last year 71% to 29%.

With only minor changes in its wording, the initiative classifies AIDS as a contagious disease, making its victims subject to legislation which pertains to diseases such as smallpox and malaria. People with AIDS (PWAs) or Aids-Related Complex (PWARCs) would be reported to the State Department of Health Services, and the state would have the power to quarantine PWAs and PWARCs.

In a statement made about the proposal last year, Khrusho Gandhi, chairman of La Rouche's Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee (PANIC), said the proposal would also empower the State Health Department to order mandatory testing for anyone suspected of having AIDS. (*San Francisco Chronicle*).

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In many ways this is in the classic tradition of English poetry, not in the new poetry ways that have gotten far from it. It is written not just for other poets, but for people interested in reading.

We can't offer you copies of reviews as the book is just out and has not been yet reviewed; even the copyright is still in process. We will give you a small sample, not at all typical:

### CAMELLIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Camellias for Christmas,  
Red and white and pink,  
How beautiful the flowers  
If you stop and think.

Camellias for Christmas,  
Red and pink and white,  
Remind me of the carollers  
Singing in the night.

Camellias for Christmas,  
Pink and white and red,  
How gracious is this season  
When peace and joy are spread.

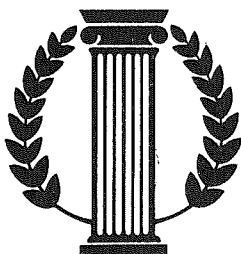
### TRIOLET: ISLANDS

No man's an island, poets say,  
And how they lie! Can twain be one  
But for an hour that flits away?  
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### THE OLDEN POETS

The olden poets sang of their lost youth  
(The young are like the drifting sands),  
And wept and drank for friends and brothers gone  
Away in far, exotic lands.

I understand the sadness that they told  
(I have lost friends of whom to sing),  
For I have cast my heart upon the seas  
And know not what the tide will bring.

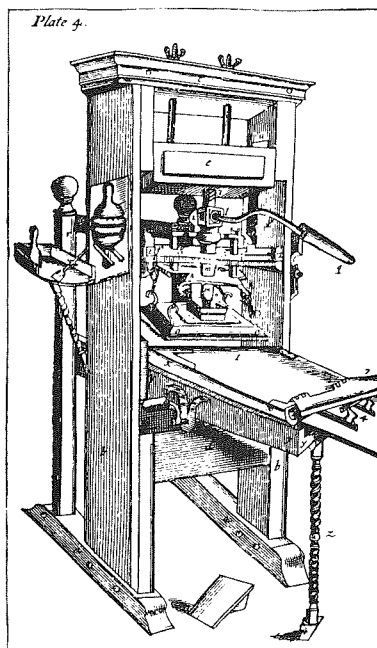
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### AIRS OF POETRY

The poet leaves us all his airs  
Of lilting song and haunting phrase,  
Of tender hope and soft despairs.  
The poet leaves us all. His airs  
Endure when houses rot, when shares  
Of gold mines fail, when Times amaze.  
The poet leaves us all, his heirs  
Of lilting song and haunting haunting phrase.



"No true poem ever owed its birth to the sun's light." - Charles Lamb



Only in the silent night  
Poets gather wits and write;  
By the candle's flickering gleam  
Praise the sun's gay dancing beam.  
On a winter evening they  
Gather daffodils and may;  
And pen the joys of outdoor toil  
While burning of the midnight oil.  
And though they love the dawn (they say)  
Poets go to bed by day,  
And thrive by artificial light;  
Poets only write at night.



## THE ENGLISH TONGUE

The English tongue has sometimes its own mind.  
You cannot say the things you wish to say  
The way you feel them. Language is too kind.  
The English tongue has sometimes its own mind:  
It fights with metaphor against the blind  
Raw rage; with euphemism obstructs the way;  
The English tongue has sometimes its own mind -  
You cannot say the things you want to say.

## THE POET'S VENTURE

The poet does not write his song.  
It writes itself. He is a hand  
Constrained by bliss, borne headlong  
By floods that he does not command.

The poet does not shape his song  
With ink alone; the spirit blows  
His heart and mind and soul along.  
The poem lives; the poet goes.

## POETRY AS LIFE

Life is a form of poetry.  
Let us live it, then, with grace  
And mercy, too, that all may see  
Life is a form of poetry.  
Let us keep our meter free  
Of errors that we would erase:  
Life is a form of poetry;  
Let us live it, then, with grace.



## ON A PROPOSAL TO SUBSIDIZE POETRY

I see few signs of hope. With science gone  
To serve the cause of war, and eloquence  
Abused for propaganda, Faith a pawn  
Of politics, history rent from sense  
By lies, what can art stand for? The love of gold  
Has strangled education with red tape, and  
Poisoned medicine, bought trade, and sold  
The honor of the law. And here we stand.

There is scant hope for verse. It is so frail  
An art to stand against the tyrants. So  
They offer doles. Will bribery prevail?  
And art be subsidized? This much I know:  
They fear the light. And dare not leave us free  
To starve, to speak the truth, to bend no knee.

## THE POET IS TWO

"The poet is two people."\* One must live  
From day to day, and work, and pay his bills,  
And run his errands, chew his meals, wear clothes,  
And put his toys away, and take his pills.

The other dreams - of marble palaces  
Of silver bridges bright against the stars,  
Of faery princesses, of gallant fleets  
Of tall white ships pursuing cosmic wars.....

The poet is two people. Flesh and soul  
Contend for one small brain, and neither wins;  
And some may love the body, some the dream.  
But who, alas, shall ever love us twins?

\* Andrei Voznesensky

## OLD QUESTION

During my years in hell I met a soul  
who said, "We have so few visitors here;  
I do recall another Florentine  
one time, a strange obsessed young man, oh dear,  
I've lost his name - he used to go around  
and ask for all the folk he'd known back in  
sweet Florence town; he'd known a lot of them;  
a Dante Something - would you be some kin?"



## FOUNTAINS OF RHYME

To know the fountain is not dry  
That did not flow a drop so long,  
Not to have lost the grace to cry;  
To know the fountain is not dry  
That flowed with rhyme is all that I  
Desire. My heart is thrilled with song  
To know: the fountain is not dry  
That did not flow a drop so long.

## LOSSES

Loss of love and loss of gold,  
Life too short and Art too long,  
Losing youth and growing old -  
This is the burden of my song.

Tears to shed and tales to tell,  
Will too weak and flesh too strong,  
Hating wisely, loving well -  
This is the burden of my song.

Life so quick and death so grave,  
Hours of bliss and years of wrong;  
A man must lose what he would save -  
This is the burden of my song.



## Odd twist to tax trial

## Rowlee case stalled as lawyers battle

By MIKE McANDREW

Two lawyers defending New York Patriot E. Kevan Rowlee lashed out at each other Tuesday in federal court, and the result was another postponement of Rowlee's tax-evasion conspiracy trial.

Attorney Jersey M. Green of Denver, Colo., who was hired by Rowlee 10 days ago, revealed Tuesday that Rowlee's court-appointed attorney, John Rinaldi of Fayetteville, owes the Internal Revenue Service nearly \$70,000 in back taxes.

Rinaldi's debt creates the appearance of a conflict of interest, Green charged, because Rinaldi was subject to pressure from the government agency that Rowlee is battling.

"The fact of Mr. Rinaldi's tax troubles with the Internal Revenue Service creates a conflict of interest in that here he is expected to take an aggressive stance against a government agency which can choose how vigorously to seek

use his debt to influence how he represented Rowlee. 'I've never done anything that in any way jeopardized Mr. Rowlee's right to a fair trial,' Rinaldi said.

U.S. District Judge Neal P. McCurn denied Green's motion for a hearing to determine if the IRS and U.S. Justice Department tried to deprive Rowlee of his Sixth Amendment right to effective counsel.

"Frankly, I don't see one (a conflict)," McCurn said.

Green got into a spat with McCurn as well during the hour-long court hearing Tuesday.

Green asked McCurn to withdraw from hearing Rowlee's trial, claiming that the judge permitted Rinaldi to continue

representing Rowlee despite having access to information about the IRS tax lien against Rinaldi.

McCurn said he was unaware of the lien until Green filed his motion.

"You don't expect me to go through every file and every document," McCurn said sharply. "Do they do that in Colorado?"

"No, but they do recuse themselves to preserve the public's confidence," Green shot back.

McCurn said he was not going to withdraw.

In asking for another postponement of Rowlee's trial, which was scheduled to begin Nov. 12, Green asserted Rinaldi has done virtually nothing to prepare Rowlee's defense.

Rinaldi countered that Rowlee has not cooperated in that effort and has made it clear he didn't want him to be his lawyer.

Despite protests from Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig A. Benedict, McCurn agreed to postpone the trial until Dec. 3 to give Green more time to prepare a defense.

Rowlee, 47, of Fulton, and the New York Patriots, an organization he founded, were indicted in December of mail fraud and conspiracy stemming from their alleged efforts to thwart the IRS.

Rowlee has not filed a federal income tax return since 1977, the indictment charges, and has filed false W-4 forms and urged other conspirators to follow suit.

If he is convicted on all counts, Rowlee could be sentenced to up to 212 years in prison.

Rowlee told reporters after Tuesday's hearing that he is looking forward to his trial.

"The court knew from day one I wasn't satisfied with Mr. Rinaldi because of his lack of experience in this area," he said.

—Reprinted from

Syracuse Post Standard

Editor's Note: Rowlee has not been charged with tax-evasion as the article says. He is charged with fraud, mail fraud and conspiracy to impede the IRS. Most news articles report tax-evasion instead of the true charges and, as one might expect, Rowlee wants the record set straight.

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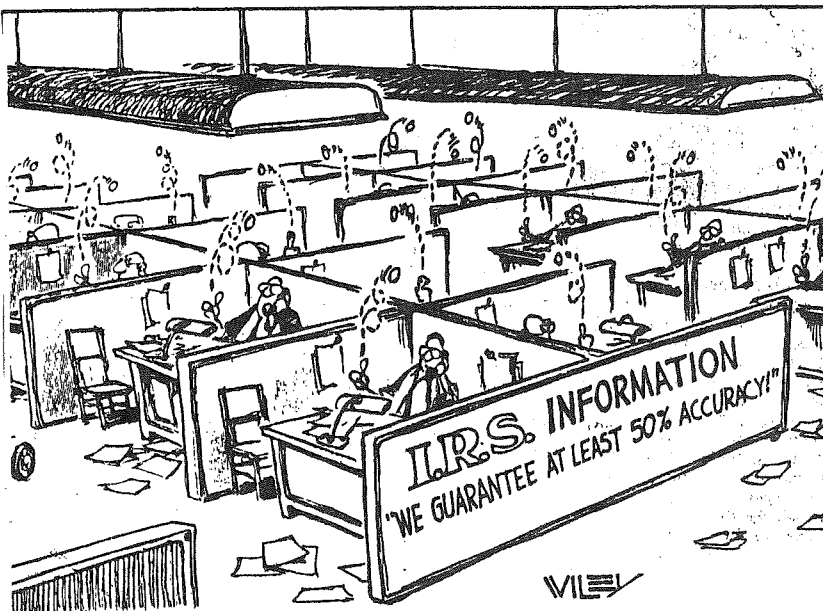


E. KEVAN ROWLEE

collection of an assessment he owes the agency," Green said.

An angry Rinaldi retorted that Green is nothing but a hired gun from the West taking shots at his reputation.

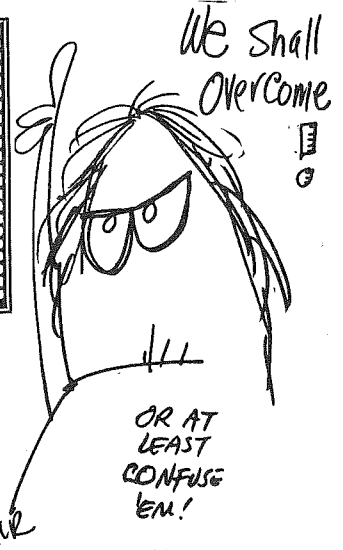
"It really bothers me when he makes those insinuations and inferences that I'm in collusion with the IRS," Rinaldi said. He said the government has never attempted to



Down South we attach red bandanas to a truck hauling long tree poles. I wonder how they haul light & phone poles there?

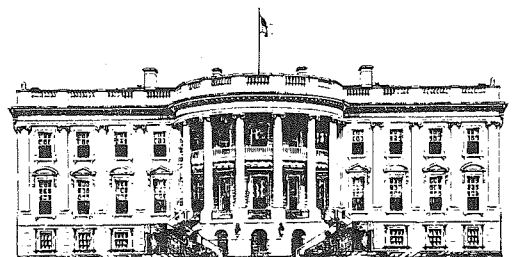
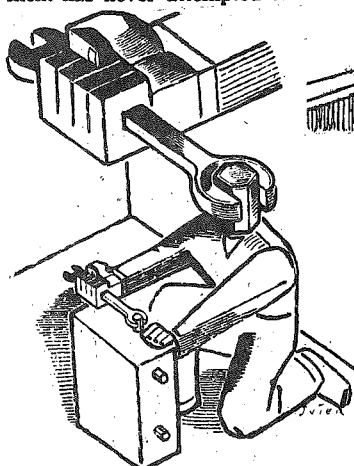
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"Call me a reactionary, cold warrior or whatever you like, but I still cannot understand the strange logic; when the South African government announces some reform of apartheid, we encourage them with sanctions; but when the Soviet leaders talk about reforms, we are expected to give them everything they ask. How come Mr. Botha became a villain while Comrade Gorbachev became a hero?"

—Vladimir Bukovsky



Ron Paul for President

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As the 1988 Presidential election bears down upon us, we are being faced with the prospect of having the ex Rev.M.G.(Pat)Robertson as our next president.

To understand Robertson's political philosophy, one must first grasp the theology that drives and controls the actions of this self-proclaimed 'man of God'. A mixture of fundamentalist, charismatic, and pentecostal, Robertson believes in healing, prophecy, and the moralistic political agenda usually associated with fundamentalists like Jerry Falwell. Robertson claims that he is personally under control of God, who often speaks with him. The dangers inherent in such a proposition are mind-boggling to say the least.

#### Economics

In Robertson's dream for America, "brethrenomics" will be substituted for social welfare programs. Calling them "social policies of the left", Robertson wants to drastically cut expenditures for all types of dependant aid programs. The needs of the poor will be taken care of by the church instead of the government. How this can be accomplished by an already overburdened church system has yet to be explained by him.

"Privatization" will apply free-market principles to government programs which sounds sensible but fails to address the needs of those who are victimized under a capitalist system.

Robertson also advocates Employee Stock Ownership Programs but does not employ them at CBN.

#### Drugs

A stepped up war on drugs and widespread drug testing are advocated by Robertson. Mandatory life sentences should be given those convicted of selling drugs to minors more than once and treatment programs should be given an extra 'spiritual emphasis' as well.

#### Prisons

The prisons in America will be empty in Robertson's vision. Instead of serving time, inmates will become indentured servants for periods of time corresponding to the severity of the crime(s) convicted of. This would probably give us the necessary slave population to make 'brethrenomics' work.

#### Taxes

Robertson says he will not support any new taxes, however he is in favor of installing a flat-rate income tax of "around 20% or so to take care of the various needs of government".

Heard enough? There is much more that Robertson would like to do for 'God and Country' as his campaign theme song says.

Dave Collins  
PO Box 536  
Rustburg, VA 24588

Dear Updater:

The nonsense in the "platform of Pat Robertson" are a lot of fun to laugh at. Curiously, he gets a few things right! Don't ask me why.

75% to 80% of govt. aid to welfare recipients goes to statisticians who run such, not to welfare beneficiaries. If it were turned over to churches, or privatized, 50% to 70% of the cost of social welfare could be cut out, with the welfare beneficiaries getting just as much, or more, and getting it faster. The waste & incompetence of govt. socialistic welfare programs is terrible.

Those who are victimized under a capitalist system consist mostly of (1) thieves, who are deprived of an opportunity to steal, including tax collectors, (2) governmentals who are deprived of a paying job for doing a totally unproductive, useless task, and (3) counter-productives, whose work produces less than nothing, from the vandals to the insane, but mostly those who are in a job that they cannot produce in, and need to be transferred to something less harmful. von Moltke told the Prussian army that there were 4 kinds of officers:

- (1) those who are smart & industrious, who make a good general staff,
- (2) those who are smart & lazy, who are good at field commands, directing troops,
- (3) those who are stupid & lazy, who will follow orders, and handle the dull, routine jobs, &

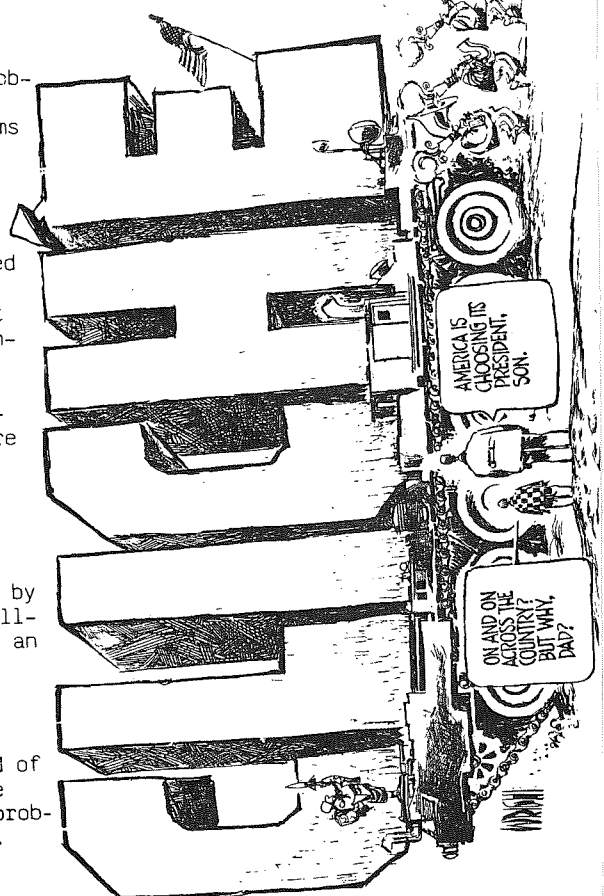
(4) those who are stupid & industrious, who will get their own troops killed by doing everything wrong; they must NOT be given a command as an officer.

Pat Rob favors the right answer to the promotion of illiteracy in govt. schools, for the wrong reason, to promote the religious beliefs of the parents. Sure the kids will be brainwashed in religious schools, but no worse than it's being done by the humanists in public schools. The advantage of the voucher system is that they'll learn to read.... and once they see a Playboy when in teenaged lust.... If made illiterate by the public schools, they'll only see the photos, and not be able to read the text, and start to think for themselves.

But the flat-rate income tax is even more fun! Pat Rob can talk about cutting to a 20% flat-rate, BUT the Holy Bible forbids a tithe of more than 10%. (Except for totally voluntary gifts to charity.) So that if he wanted a flat-rate tax, he would have to limit the total state & federal income tax to 10% of all income, not the present taxes of nearly 30%. And he would have to cut away more than 2/3 of the governmental spending.

So ask him why his 20% flat-rate tax is a violation of the word of God by being far too high, as Rehoboam, son of Solomon, lost 10 of 12 tribes from charging taxes too high.

And why does Ron Paul yearn to run against Pat Rob? Wouldn't you like a chance to vote against him?



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# Florence County Libertarian Party

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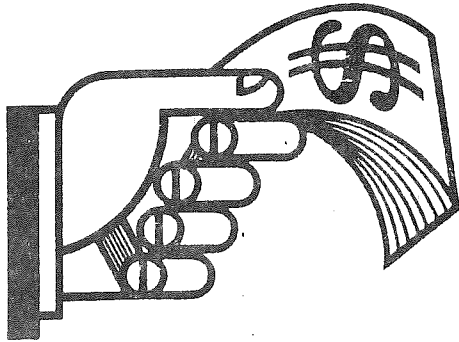
SIGN the letter in colored ink, so they can tell the signature isn't a copy.

SPELL accurately (even if the paper can't) and use SIMPLE words they can understand.

SHORT paragraphs are exxential for the reader to read. (Also, essential!)

SAMPLE letter is enclosed, about the deteriorating IRS. This letter is about as LONG as you want to get. SHORTEST letters get the best attention.

Truly, *J. Kurler*



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### Letters to the Editor:

I am glad that they are not setting up "one-stop tax information centers" in South Carolina except in Columbia.

The Internal Revenue Service has a rating of answering basic tax questions only 76% of the time by the GAO which made phone calls to IRS offices to test their ability. The federal General Accounting Office thinks they should clean up their act.

I won't even speculate how IRS employees would do with S. C. State returns.

I won't even go into how S. C. Tax Commission would do with federal returns. After all, their experts on this will be busy with updating the S. C. Income Tax with the legislature from now until April.

And I won't speculate on which people from C.P.A. offices will go to these one-stop centers. After all, they get paid for doing complex tax returns for those who can afford to pay for the service, and those who specialize in this will be very busy at the office until April.

What I really hope is that reporters will check on these one-stop centers, and see if they exceed the IRS record of so many mistakes on basic tax questions.

Sincerely,

# What's really needed is

## Letters to the editor

Dear Hearts & Gentle People:

I come before you to stand behind you to tell you something I know nothing about. What I don't know is how to persuade our local government to do something sensible. They do not seem to have any sense. There is one exception: the local school board has a minority that wants to teach children instead of wasting huge amounts of tax money. (Curiously, the minority solely is comprised of those who used to teach or coach.)

There is another interesting minority among the public: those who can read, and do. Why the newspapers do not promote this group - a necessity for their survival - is also a mystery. (Some think that thinking has gone out of style at the newspaper.) Our former county chair has escaped from the circulation of the newspaper to go into the Army to finance a trip into grad school; this would be easier to understand if he were not past 30. Anyhow, we have no spy at the local paper any more, to brain peek.

The newspapers need help, which they do not like to receive. What they need is for people with some sense to write the commentary, called LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Let me urge you to write them, as their news department seems to be unwilling to print criticism of the government efforts to increase statism. Facts are beyond them. They still haven't figured out why the IRS is trying to grab money from PTL.

Let me give you some addresses. Dailies in this area are:

Morning News	F-11	Florence, SC 29501
State (or Record)	Box 1333	Columbia, SC 29202
News & Courier	Box 758	Charleston, SC 29402
Charlotte Observer	Box 32188	Charlotte, NC 28232

Then, you can also write to the local weeklies, also known as weaklies. They don't get a lot of letters. They need some help.

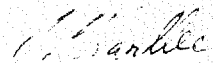
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Horry Independent	Box 740	"
Messenger	Box 130	Hartsville, SC 29550
Messenger	Box 462	McColl, SC 29570
Enterprise	135 N Main	Mullins, SC 29574
Observer	206 E Main	Latta, SC 29565
Observer	Box 306	Hemingway, SC 29554
Star	Box 880	Marion, SC 29571

Then, if you have an eager writing machine, such as a computer, you can go to the daily papers outside the area that have a lot of readers.

Sun News	Box 406	Myrtle Beach, SC 29578
Chronicle	Box 1928	Augusta, GA 30913
Chronicle-Independent	Box 1137	Camden, SC 29020
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Faithfully,



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# Change your Life

Now 1950+ years ago there were 2 major parties in Israel, the Pharisee & the Sadducee, and Jesus of Nazareth didn't agree with or care for either one. (He felt sorry for them, in fact.)

So he started a group that did not agree with them, and in the 3 years he had there were 12 men and a few women working full-time with him, and crowds getting to hear him at public speeches, and many lives being improved (especially those healed), and a lot of major issues being discussed in public.

In the life of his youngest friend, his ideas spread as far East as India and as far West as Spain; as far North as Britain and as far South as Ethiopia.

A lot of people heard this, and many of them promptly forgot and did nothing for themselves.

But some people did some good things, even in an era of Roman history when the emperors were so bad they couldn't get any worse — look at the histories.

Now I understand that you cannot do everything. No one can. But unless you are lying on a deathbed, and can do nothing but breathe, you can do something.

You can do something more than just survive; you can help your own life, and your children's, and your friends', by accomplishing anything that needs to be done. Anything can help.

You can fight the cruel & illegal collecting of taxes. You can fight the wasting of the receipts in useless projects. You can fight to clean up the school systems by more than just better janitors.

Please do not think that you cannot do what you want to for lack of expert status. I was the worst baseball player in the Pony League; but one year my team won every game I played in — because I kept them from losing on forfeit. It matters.

Now I realize that not everything is getting worse. If something you like is getting better, let it, or offer to help.

Some things take acts to improve them; in Seoul, Korea, the students & business workers would love to enjoy the Olympics next year, but they have told the government to clean up its acts or lose it. (Think if the Germans had told Hitler that in 1936!)

Now, if there is anything I can do to help, please tell me. I do not read minds.

I hope I can help.

*Sam T. Butler*

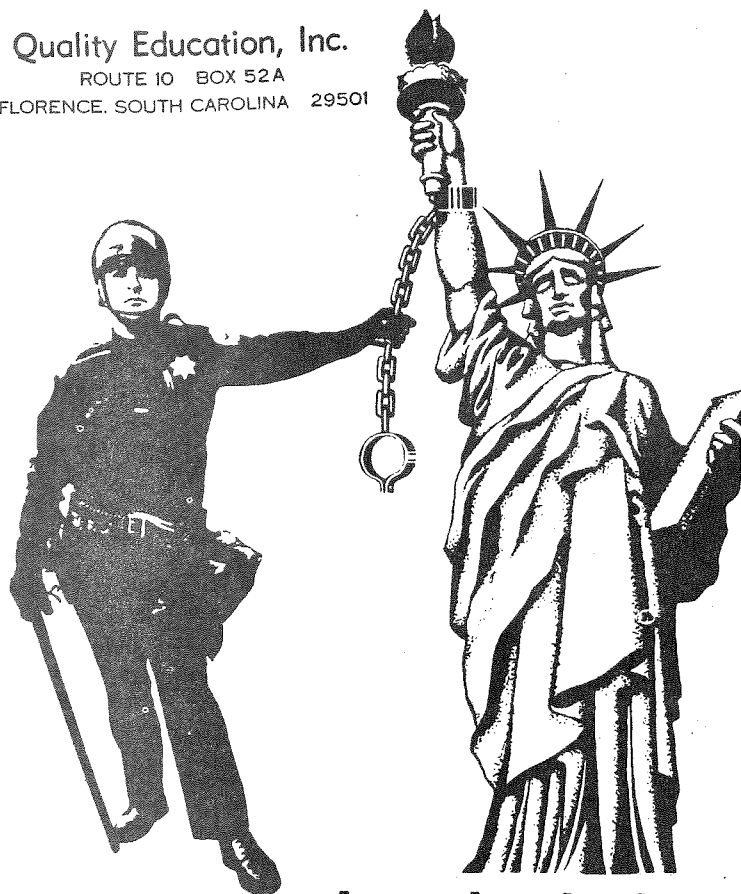


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So, when I read in the July '87 Reader's Digest, "The depressed person is convinced life will never get better," as the first cause of suicides, a thought struck:

Suppose the person is right!

Suppose that life never does get better? There are certainly plenty of things in life that are getting worse! Taxes are getting worse. Public schools are getting worse. You may be able to name a rare government project that isn't getting worse, but too many are, & making our life to live in worse.

And you are not going to make life get better if you do nothing.

(In case anyone tries to tell you that Lady Liberty doesn't have reasons to lament, show them this photo of I.R.S. terrorists.)



"In Alaska, as horrified news photographers took pictures, IRS agents smashed in the windows of a Volkswagen and dragged a young couple through the shattered glass, dumping them bruised and bleeding on the sidewalk."