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Messenger

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A CALL TO ARMS!

**ARE YOU FED UP WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OPPRESSION??**

**Certain People have
turned the American
Dream into a Living
Nightmare.**

**What are we
going to do
about it?**



A Sinking Feeling

No matter how little I spend
I can't save a penny when
the tax man keeps asking for more.
I wouldn't say I was poor,
but unless someone arranges for me
to quickly come into my legacy,
I wouldn't say I was rich.
Maybe the stuff of my dreams which
work and investment were to provide
will have to be put to the side
until this ship has a new staff -
leaders who can reduce the deficit
without sinking the craft in the act!

- Susan Packie
Belleville, N. J.

John Jay, first Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, in *Georgia v. Brailsford*, 1794:4., said: "The jury has a right to judge both the law as well as the fact in controversy."

Samuel Chase, Supreme Court Justice and signer of the Declaration of Independence, 1804: "The jury has the right to determine both the law and the facts."

LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL ? (or just damnyankeetroops?)

IRS ran late on printing 1989 forms, so that those to be filed by March 15 hadn't made it to most offices by Mar. 1, '90. Flo Mo Misprint news article (2-7-90. p.1!) declared "voters in each South Carolina county will have a chance to decide between a sales tax increase and a property tax decrease. The choice is the result of the local option sales tax bill...." Alas, voters CAN'T vote for prop tax decrease AND against sales tax increase, as it is only 1 vote. Came out at full moon....

Aiken county passed a nuisance bill, & naturally, I had to suggest that the county council & its officers be declared a general nuisance. Also discovered a REAL TWO-PARTY country! In Europe! It's name is Liechtenstein;

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Through a Glass Clearly

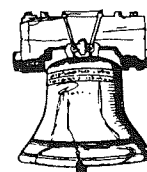
New Jersey is a leader in the number of phone taps. Its students' lockers are searched randomly, and teachers are not deemed fit to instruct as they please. No one can drive with an open beverage can at his side, and seat belts are mandatory. Gardens and fire escapes are checked for illegal plants, and testing for drug use is becoming commonplace. The state doesn't need an aquarium. It is one!

- Susan Packie
Belleville, N. J.

July 10, 1990



A DOZEN residents were locked out of their homes when the sun caused new fiberglass doors to expand and jam at a council estate in Thetford, Norfolk.



Dear Editor-

I'd like to know why the word "wimp" appeared next to the name Michael A. beneath his letter concerning a racial slur made by an NAACP official?

I agree fully with Michael's statements. "Poor white trash" is a stereotype just like "Old Uncle Tom". Just because a man isn't refined, has to work hard to make ends meet, and has to endure racial discrimination does not make him "trash".

There have been several reported incidents where NAACP officials have referred to poor whites as "trash", proving what I suspected all along: The NAACP isn't "colorblind", just blind in one eye!

The Republican, Michael A. did not want his real name in any libertarian publication, as opposed to all forms of liberty, and he as an ardent supporter of George the bushid picked as his own nick-name "wimp". Why he did so is a matter of speculation.

Regards,
Gene Boone

PS- I expect a printed explanation for the use (or most likely misuse) of the word "wimp". My belief in the Southern Lib^{ertarian} is being threatened by irresponsible journalism, namely an "editorial comment" that might compel some readers into believing that Michael's statements were light-weight, unimportant or misinformed. I still say "Fighting Racism With Racism Breeds More Racism". Of all organizations, I thought the NAACP would've realized that, so much for myths.

its 2 parties, the Hats & the Caps, go back to the 1500s, with no one remembering why. U. S. had 3 parties in Revolutionary War: Loyalists, Patriots, & a Peace Party of those like Quakers or Amish who opposed fighting. The only 2-party time was the 1790s of Federalists & Antifederalists, but in the early 1800s John Randolph broke with T. Jefferson, his cousin, of the Democratic-Republican party & formed the Tertium Quid (Latin for 3rd party).

Is Your County a Litterbug? Ours is. The sheriff sends out his prisoners with trashbags to gather the litter alongside county roads & bag it. Then it sits. Then passing motorists throw cigs at it, or bump into it, or watch wild dogs break into it looking for food. Then, as the stench arises, walking persons kick them like soccer. Then, after 4 or 5 or more weeks, the county garbage truck gets around to pick up what's left, not rescattered.

THEY DON'T TEACH AMERICAN HISTORY ANY MORE?

"When James Curley ran for Mayor of Boston from his jail cell, the whole nation was fascinated; it was the first time such a thing had ever happened." (FNY) Did you know that Eugene Debs once ran for President (Socialist) while in federal jail? Did you know that Vermont once elected to Congress one jailed under the alien and sedition laws of the 1790s, for telling the truth in his newspaper about the federal govt.?

MONEY IS VERY, VERY SHORT THESE DAYS, LOOK OUT!

Shortages of cash are bothering many, especially the small businesses that banks discriminate against, unless carpetbaggers or scalawags.

Mark Skousen, "George Bush and his cronies, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, have already squeezed the money supply to the lowest level in 30 years! This guarantees a recession in our near future.

"Throughout history, such a tight money supply has always, without exception, triggered a recession, and this time will be no different."

AIRHEADS? SKINHEADS? IS THIS A RESULT OF SKOOLZ?

The 2 "major" parties in Peru came out with less than 1/4 of the vote, with the incumbent finished at 3rd, but do facts sink in to the "major" media? We keep pounding on their little skulls.... For example, sent out a photocopy of 3 pages of Freedom Network News, with better coverage of Peru. Sent out a Richland (highest tax) county taxpayers update on how the 6¢ sales tax would hurt S.C. Sent out copies of the Reason review of the Holy City's police chief's book, LET'S TAKE BACK OUR STREETS! Told how Ali Baba's restaurant went OOB because local pol. thought they'd be boild in oil there. ... Asked if Georgia would secede again from the USSR - or the USA. Told how SC Ethics comm. called Michael Thorneburg "Mildred". making folks wonder. Will Mildred row the boat ashore? Convention site spelled us a Libitarians.

RISE UP!

The year before I went to Davidson, they rigged the stage for clerry to the electric organ, so that it would produce a shock when they announced the first hymn at the chapel service: "Rise Up, O Men of God!"

What we need is for more Libertarians to rise up and fight against the cruel oligarchy. Would you believe if some do not have 1/2 hour every even year to organize their own county, just by standing at the front door of their court house at noon for 2 min. at precinct & county; the rest of the time is filling out a report. Would you know that Jake is not running against the Fatman, because he would not fill out a 1 page form, ask not much more than name address & serial number, & there is no chance for his friends to go out & campaign for him.

BY THE NUMBERS!

US News & World Report forecasts that by 2010 only 30% of the people of the US will be literate.

This is because the public schools are turning out illiterates by its anti-phonics plan. Assuming normal birth & death rates, & that immigrants from Mexico may increase the illiteracy, etc., consider:

Most of the folks now alive will be alive & 20 years older 20 years from now. About every year 11% of the people die, and mostly among the older & more literate. For the illiteracy problem to go down that far in just 20 years, almost every literate dying will be replaced by 14 illiterates. The public schools will not be turning much besides illiterates.

HOW DO WE GET THE MEDIA'S ATTENTION?

Curiously, the wrangling between city & county is like a cat-and-dog fight (usually for the loot); even the media get tired of it. So, we suggested that the county name be changed, to that of a former county of half of it, Liberty. Naturally, it is a county name that Libertarians must come out in favor of. In case you're interested, there are 4 Liberty counties in US: Georgia, Florida, Texas, & Montana.

LETTER TO THE MEDIA:

Instead of fighting the so-called War on Drugs, with bystanders among those killed with stray bullets, there is an alternative: de-criminalization. Naturally, the Czar Against Drugs, said to be addicted to alcohol or tobacco himself, is opposed to any plan that would cut out all the opportunities for enriching bureaucrats at the taxpayers' expense. Tax-eaters are like that; they want to keep everything in the trough.

By de-criminalizing drugs, Holland has found a sharp decrease in addiction. This is just the same as this country, and others, found when they repealed Prohibition, and saw the alcohol drinking rate go down.

Curiously, some "illegal" drugs are available on a doctor's prescription, with huge amounts of paperwork. Most doctors believe that the ones entrusted with prescription of drugs should be graduates of medical school, not ignorant governmental bureaucrats. They think, mostly, that heroin should be allowed on prescription only for those dying of cancer who need a pain-killer, and are in no danger of living long enough to become an addict. They think that marijuana should be available to those with glaucoma or menstrual cramps (which Queen Victoria took it for) as a medicine. There are even those who think that the leaves that cocaine is made from can be used to make a medicine for altitude sickness, like the kind the Pope took on his trip to Bolivia.

After all, the reason for drugs is to help the sick.

I don't deny that drugs can kill some. George Washington grew marijuana for the hemp to make ropes out of, and there were some pirates hanged with these ropes.

But the main argument for de-criminalization is to make it legal to cure addicts.



MORE NUISANCE & DISTURBER

Dr. Jeanne Chall, director of the Harvard reading lab reports that the "whole-word" method, like Chinese, is bringing in younger kids as non-readers. (PhGz).... But you have to keep hitting the mass media over the head with a 2 X 4. In Beauforts, SC they passed a municipal ordinance to keep skateboards off the sidewalks, defining them as anything with wheels, self-propelled, etc. But the way it is worded, it bans wheelchairs from the sidewalks also. Meanwhile parents are trying to keep their kids out of sex ed as high seniors, as if they didn't know, or for that matter have mostly already participated.

"NONE DARE CALL IT TREASON" by John the Stormer is out in a 25 yr. later edition, at a much higher price, L. Bell, POB 32, Florissant, MO 63032, \$20. In Gilbert, AZ Sue Grant was arrested & jailed for failure to renew a dog license. (MesaTrib) As if the law enforcers had no better work to do. IRS computer files may have been infected by out-siders (as well as internal incompetents) with worms & viruses. (Spotl.) As well as the IRS folk, who are also full of worms. Justice Advocate asks if citizens shouldn't have a right to get away from oppressive government by suicide. Folks get awfully discouraged at tax-season for some reason.

Beach dwellers should pay if land destroyed

I am totally in favor of individual property rights. Each of us has the right to own property and to use it for our benefit. I am also old-fashioned enough to believe that each of us is responsible for his actions.

All of us also have the right to enjoy public recreational land and to expect the state to reasonably protect public property from needless destruction.

A private landowner should not use or protect his property in a way that simultaneously causes destruction of public land, such as the beach. It is a known fact that the construction of seawalls to protect beachfront property from high water causes faster erosion of the public beach. The beach disappears.

A solution: Once or twice a year, measure the beach, in square feet, between the tides. If something a landowner is doing contributes to increasing the size of the beach, give him a tax break. If something the landowner is doing decreases the size of the beach, have him pay for it, each year, as long as he continues to contribute to the problem, and as long as the problem exists.

I enjoy walking on a wide flat beach. Like I said, I'm old-fashioned.

D. LAMAR LEE JR.

SILENT REVOLT

Congress is a JOKE!

Q: Why does Congress spend so much money on prisons?

A: To reduce the competition.

When congressmen stop lying to us — We'll stop telling the truth about them!

RE-ELECT NOBODY

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Humanism in the public schools

Joseph Sobran, a professor of psychiatry on the faculty of Medicine in the graduate school of Education of Harvard University, had this to say at a childhood seminar:

"Every child in America entering school at the age of 5 is mentally ill because he comes to school with

Restore America

"But while men slept," trained aides and assistants wrote legislation that was and is diametrically opposed to the Christian principles of requiring that a crime must have a victim and that a person is in control of his own actions unless he hurts someone else. Then he personally is responsible for those actions. In other words, God says that you have to hurt someone by violating one of His laws. There is no such thing as a victimless crime and you cannot regulate righteousness.

Laws were written to protect those actions that were to become the thesis for the Hegellian dialectics. When these actions became a national problem to our society, our people clamored for another law, just like the perpetrators knew would happen. Then another law was written to counter this evil to society. The counter laws always required more police powers.

Did you know that a large share of U.S. Forest Service Rangers are now trained and classified as Federal Police? The same goes for the National Park Service, as well as other federal offices. At the state level, game department wardens, state park service employees, and others, are now a part of the overall police force. They now all work together as a unified force and all of this is because of the national social problems that were brought on by the government's actions.

According to the *Washington Report*, Box 10309, St. Petersburg, FL 33733, the Pentagon is planning to build what they have called "Combat Village" at Guilderland, NY to train soldiers to be able to fight in URBAN warfare. However, the inside story is that they are building the facility to train soldiers for counter-insurrection in mass domestic uprisings.

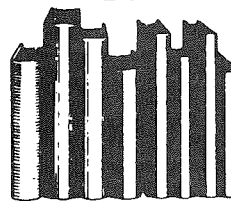
INTELLIGENCE NEWSLETTER

certain allegiances toward our founding fathers, our elected officials, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being, toward the sovereignty of this Nation as a separate entity.

"It's up to you teachers to make all these sick children well by creating the international children of the future."

"Make yourselves sheep and the wolves will eat you!"

—Ben Franklin, January 5, 1773



READING REFORM FOUNDATION

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PENILESS shepherd John Scott faces a crippling tax bill of more than £40,000.

His ex-wife Rita helped him run up the staggering debt.

But John refuses to bleat about it—even though Rita is now a millionairess and could easily afford to pay off the sum if she wanted to.

John's problems started when he fell in love with heiress Rita Forsyth at a local dance.

He was just a 22-year-old shepherd boy who from High Akeld in Northumberland.

Rita lived with her dad—a frozen food magnate—in the big house just across the Scottish border at Coldstream.

DIVORCE

When he died he left Rita an inheritance held in trust until she was 30.

She married John and drew 'pocket money' from her trustees.

"As her husband I was still liable to be taxed on it," said John.

Unless they elect to be taxed separately, all husbands are responsible for tax on their wives' earnings.

Then the couple fell out of love and divorced.

"Rita refused to pay any of the interest on

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JOHN: Massive bill

the tax bill," added John at the council house he shares with new girlfriend Margaret and their children in Wooler, Northumberland.

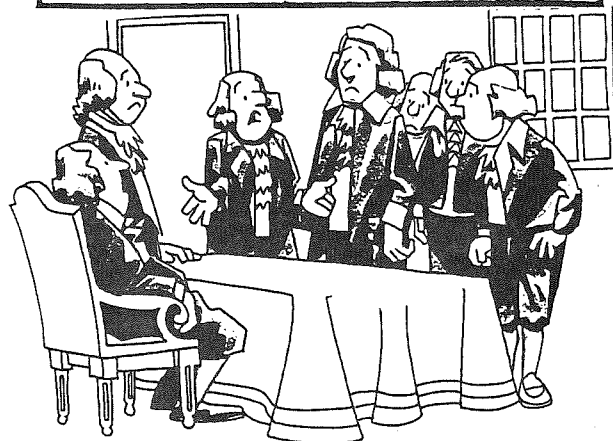
"She said it was my fault the bill had been allowed to pile up.

"Rita can easily afford to pay, but she won't—so I'm stuck with it.

THE THINGS THEY SAY...

"The People's Liberation Army is the friend of the people."

— Chinese Government statement, reported in *The Observer*, June 4, 1989



"Stamp taxes, tea taxes, import taxes...If we don't stop King George now, we'll end up with income taxes!"

Re: DOT-mandated drug urine testing

The Department of Transportation has issued regulations (Part 199 and Part 40) demanding the implementation of random urine drug testing throughout the pipeline industry. This program is due to be in place by April 20, 1990.

What I've discovered is frightening!

First, and foremost, I find the institution of this program, mandated by the federal government through the Department of Transportation, to be an insult to my integrity. I have been in the pipeline industry for over five years, advancing to my present position as a controller for the nation's largest refined petroleum pipeline.

I take pride in my work. I realize its importance to the nation's economy and security, and I fully realize that it is a safety-sensitive field I work in. Operating errors could result in serious accidents, threatening lives and property. I would not willingly report for work if I felt I was in any way not fit for the demands of the job. I resent the implication that the government, and my employer by agreeing to this invasion of privacy, would believe otherwise. I believe many of my co-workers, both at my company and throughout the industry, would say the same.

Article IV of the Constitution of the United States says: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath of affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized."

The list of horror stories of humiliating experiences while providing a urine sample, and of tales of shattered lives after being accused based on "false positive" test results, is endless. I could refer to you countless news articles and books written on the subject, and to many court cases.

A joint CDC/NIDA study in 1985, as reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association (4-26-85), led to this conclusion: "Error rates for thirteen laboratories on samples containing barbiturates, amphetamines, methadone, cocaine, codeine, and morphine ranged from 11% to 94%, 19% to 100%, 0% to 33%, 0% to 100%, 0% to 100%, and 5% to 100%, respectively. Similarly, error rates on samples not containing these drugs (false positives) ranged from 0% to 6%, 0% to 37%, 0% to 66%, 0% to 6%, 0% to 7%, and 0% to 10%, respectively."

Granted, these tests may have been improved since 1985. But even assuming they're now 95% accurate, what about those five percent who lose their jobs because of this program, though they've never taken an illegal drug in their lives?

From September 1987 through October 1989 the Department of Transportation conducted 24,526 random urine drug tests of its own employees. A whopping 138, less than 6/10 of 1 percent, tested positive. Less than one percent. And only 25 of these nearly 25,000 people were removed from their "safety sensitive" jobs.

There is something very UN-American and very scary about this whole drug-hysteria witch-hunt. It reeks of McCarthy era loyalty oaths. It conjures up images of Nazi SS troops. King George's Redcoats.

I'm asking you to put a stop to this. It's my understanding that several states, and a few cities, have passed laws forbidding the use of random urine drug tests. I would like for you to sponsor legislation outlawing this gestapo-like invasion of privacy and violation of every American's Constitutional right to privacy and due process.

David Ross

Lee Hearn, chief toxicologist for the Dade County Medical Examiner Department, sampled 125 bills from 10 American cities. Traces of Cocaine turned up on all but four of them [96.8% - F.S.]. Those four had just been printed.

"We know people use bills rolled up to snort cocaine or folded into a packet to carry it," he says.

Because the fibers of paper money absorb & trap cocaine, Hearn says, a bill can.



Georgia voters original, substantive

The Editors: "No candidate yet offers fresh ideas (or) vision for (a) better Georgia?" Preposterous. You can only believe that balderdash if you have never heard of, or are consciously choosing to ignore, the Libertarian candidate for governor of Georgia, Carole Ann Rand.

Mrs. Rand is actively participating in candidate forums around the state, and it seems that everyone is listening to her except your newspaper. Her campaign materials are very detailed and thoroughly explain her positions on the issues you say you want the candidates to talk about.

If you took the time to read them, you'd find that she is offering fresh ideas about education, taxes, and spending. Her platform clearly demands parental choice in education and improvement in teaching by introducing competition into what is now the most truly socialist institution in America, the public schools.

She has clear positions on the proper role of government, on slashing government programs and spending, on stopping government competition with businesses, on eliminating government-granted monopolies and on improving the economic well-being of all Georgians.

She is strongly committed to a revamping of Georgia's system of taxation. She has a plan to quickly solve Georgia's prison overcrowding problem and make our state once again a safe place to live and raise our children.

What more do you want? The Democrats and Republicans aren't providing the ideas and vision that you want. What is keeping you, who shape the opinions of the entire populace, from actively reporting on the only political party and candidates who are offering ideas which are truly visionary, and offer the only way that we can ever enjoy prosperity and true freedom in Georgia?

The Libertarians offer ideas that are original and substantive, based solidly on the principles upon which this nation was founded. Why do you continue to ignore us?

You appear to be once again, as you did in 1988, baldly going out of your way to make the people of Georgia think that Libertarians don't exist. Why?

People do have a choice this November. They don't need to choose between the lesser of two evils. They can vote for individual liberty, personal responsibility, and limited government.

They can vote for Carole Ann Rand for governor, Walker Chandler for lieutenant governor, Randy Reynolds for secretary of state, Elizabeth Goldin and Jimmy Harris for Public Service Commission, and Karen Sacandy and Toby Nixon for Georgia House of Representatives.

TOBY NIXON

The Atlanta Journal



◊ The Los Angeles school board voted on January 22 to drop its "no-pass, no-play" rule which bars students with failing grades from participating in extracurricular activities. The 5 to 2 vote followed a heated debate among the board members over the priorities of

education in a school district which is 80% minority. The board's only Hispanic member Leticia Quezada, joined Rita Walters, its only black member, in dissenting from the majority opinion. Quezada later remarked, "I feel that this is a case of liberal mentality whose good intentions are misplaced, the idea that our students can't be expected to do as well." A condescending liberalism rears its ugly head.

FLORENCE ASTONISHER



Keep your shirt on?

When T-shirts began talking, a whole new world of expression emerged. In the case of Randy White, a naturist and a student at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, South Carolina, his T-shirts spell out messages that school principals want to silence.

Freedom of expression is constitutionally protected. Should these rights extend to a college campus, however? The president of Tri-County Tech, Don Garrison, and Dean of Students Al Norris think not.

Faced with expulsion for espousing the virtues of body freedom in his fully-opaque T-shirts that say "Dare To Go Bare" and "Science Sees Through Fig Leaves," Randy has asked the American Civil Liberties Union and naturist leaders for help.

He remarked that Garrison and Norris are red-faced with anger after receiving letters supporting Randy's position. Randy himself is looking forward to getting red-faced (and red-cetera) during the next tanning season. For that, he'll take off the T-shirt.

- Naturally

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Florence County Libertarian Party

Readers need straight news on HOTS

CARE TO TELL US HOW YOU VOTED?

YOU BET! THIS TIME I WAS DETERMINED TO VOTE FOR A BALANCED BUDGET, SAFE STREETS, FAIR TAXES AND AGAINST BIG GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL INTERESTS!

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WERE ONLY DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ON THE BALLOT...



Jury convicts former IRS agent

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE

A 41-year-old former Internal Revenue Service supervisor has been convicted in the Operation Avalanche drug probe.

A federal jury deliberated less than two hours before finding Harry Ronald Rice of Mint Hill guilty of helping Coy Allred and Walter Dennis Purser launder drug money. He was also convicted Monday of accessing confidential IRS information on an

investigation of Purser.

Rice was a 15-year veteran of the IRS who worked as a supervisory revenue agent until he was suspended earlier this year. He faces up to 21 years in prison and \$850,000 in fines when he appears for a sentencing hearing in February, court officials said.

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"The deficit and national debt are the overriding issue this country has to solve if we are going to have good economic conditions for decades and generations to come."

—Jim Jones, Chairman,
American Stock Exchange

For proof that "Pope" Paul VI - 1963 - 1977 - had his double "Pope" send \$2. to:
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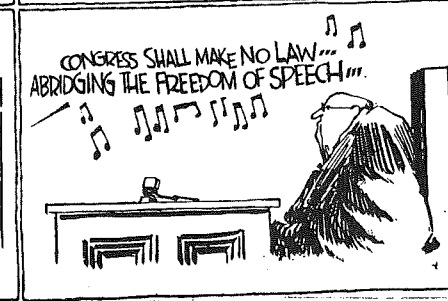
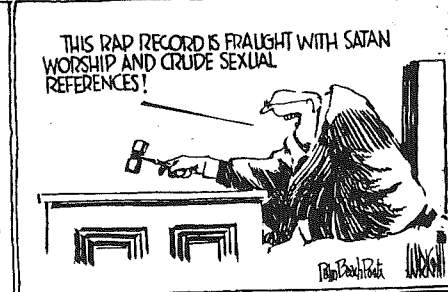
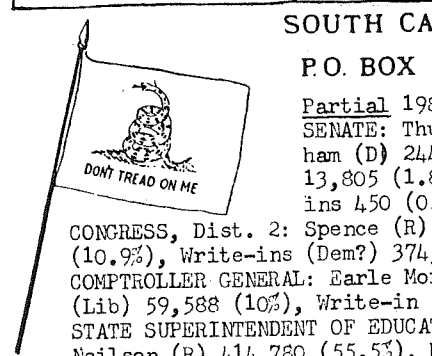
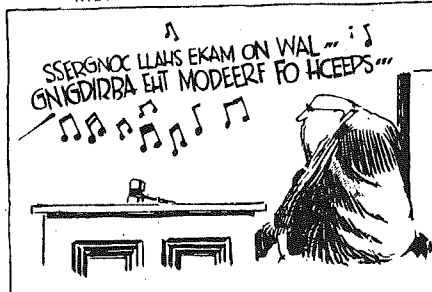
when we faced the same scene each day.

Months later, the Federal Emergency Management Agency office in Charleston informed us that we were not eligible for any assistance because we had insurance. We were in a "Catch 22." We wrote Senator Hollings' office but heard nothing.

The only help we received was the fine Christian effort by a church group from Greenville. They came in one Sunday morning and cleared the debris from our driveway.

In hindsight, it seems to me that local and state governments could have done something. They could at least have come on the scene and said they were sorry.

DONALD D. GOGO



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Partial 1988 tax results:

SENATE: Thurmond (R) 482,032 (64.2%), Cunningham (D) 244,112 (32.5%), Wm. Griffin (Libertar) 13,805 (1.8%), Metts (Amer) 10,317 (1.4%), write ins 450 (0.1%)

CONGRESS, Dist. 2: Spence (R) 90,054 (89%), Sommer (Lib) 11,101 (10.9%), Write-ins (Dem?) 374 (0.1%)

COMPTROLLER GENERAL: Earle Morris (D) 536,249 (89.9%), David Morris (Lib) 59,588 (10%), Write-in (Rep?) 895 (0.1%)

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION: Williams (D) 318,890 (42.7%), Neilson (R) 414,780 (55.5%), Harlikee (Lib) 12,756 (1.7%), other 214.

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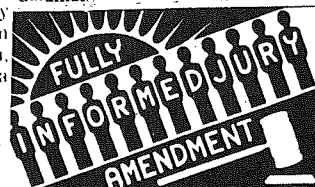
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Local, state governments
gave no help to victims

Every time I read an article about Hurricane Hugo and what politicians have done to help, I feel compelled to write.

My wife and I have relived Hugo too many times to count. Our farm looked like a war zone. We lost barns, hay, equipment, fence lines and trees too numerous to mention. We were without power and water. We really thought our world had come to an end.

We thought we were insured. Our agent from one of the largest insurance companies that insures farms told us our policy only covered our home. But because of our deductible, it covered less than half of the house damage.

The worst part of Hugo was the days, weeks and months after

ANARCHIST OPPOSITION TO CAPITALISM ? WHY ?

Once in a while I run across things, and fall back on the Gullah proverb, "It ain't necessarily so."

"Don Holbrook replies: 'Becoming part of the system of economic exploitation in order to have an income, is certainly a way to plan for one's old age. Buying a duplex, for instance, and then renting it out, could mean that for an initial outlay of \$80,000 perhaps, you could then have an income from tenants, amounting to \$700 a month (about \$10,000 a year, so that in under nine years your expenditure would be fully repaid). Then, no matter how long thereafter, to the end of your life and for your successors and heirs until the end of time, the tenants would keep on paying into your fund and supplying an unearned income to you or somebody else.'" (The Match!, 11-11-87)

Now, let us meet the real world. To get the \$80,000 you have done something, somehow, deserving it or not. So you buy the duplex. You rent it out. You receive rent.

(1) You must, if you have any sense pay insurance on the duplex. If it burns, you could lose everything otherwise except the vacant lot. So, there goes 1 month's rent every year.

(2) The city & county charge you a real estate tax. There goes another month's rent every year.

(3) You have regular repairs & upkeep, from the annual termite spraying to replacement of broken window panes, broken screens, etc., etc., etc., There goes another month's rent every year.

What happened to the golden rule?

I regret the death of *The Columbia Record* and wish everyone affected well. Most of the time, I avoided subscribing to *The State* so I would not be tempted to read rather than work in the mornings. Also, *The Record* is more up-to-date for my evening reading time.

I cannot reasonably argue with publisher Ben Morris' explanation. Despite Columbia Newspapers Inc.'s practically having a local monopoly on evening newspapers, and their forever advertising that newspapers are "indispensable," their recognition of the low income from a small and declining readership and of rising costs resulted in a rational decision to discontinue publishing *The Record*.

Not everyone reasons as Mr. Morris does, and even Columbia Newspapers has not always reasoned that public services by a monopoly should pay their way or die.

Example 1: The front page of the edition that carried publisher Ben Morris' explanation for the death of *The Record*, reported that CSX and

DRAFT NON-REGISTRATION FOR EVERYBODY

If you would like to send the SS service a lot of refusals to register for the draft, don't restrict the group refusing to register to those not draftable only by age and sex; consider also species.

Although dogs, horses and mules have served in the military (and maybe cats in the naval service before the steamships), they do not come under the current draft. (There are also some others, such as a few goats at the Naval Academy and one eagle in the Civil War.) Let them also notify the federal government that they are not willing to be drafted.

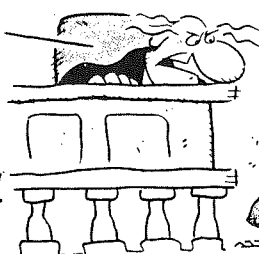
Faithfully,
John Harlee



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AND
COUNTERFEITING!



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CHECK?

THAVES

Letters

Amtrak, which have a monopoly in Columbia, are considering discontinuing Columbia rail passenger service because of financial losses, insufficient patronage, low fares, and high and rising expenses. Mayor Patton Adams and Sen. Strom Thurmond are reported to think CSX and taxpayers should continue to subsidize Amtrak through Columbia. (Politicians enjoy being generous with the money of others.)

Example 2: Recently, when South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. sought to increase local bus fares in the face of \$8 million in annual losses, very low bus fares, and high and rising costs, the PSC decided to be generous to SCE&G bus riders with the money of shareholders, forcing SCE&G to continue to lose millions annually. At least one of Columbia's newspapers editorialized that the

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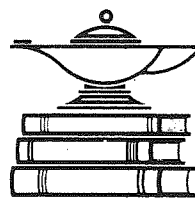
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No room at the Pen

"In 1980, convicted drug users accounted for 25 percent of Federal prison inmates. A hard-line antidrug bill, passed in 1986, increased penalties for drug violators and increased the number of law-enforcement agents. As a result, drug convictions rose to 37 percent. The result: A system designed to hold 28,000 prisoners now holds 44,000—and experts predict that that number will grow to 118,000 by 1997."

Source: *Playboy*

Columbia



PSC had made a wise and fair decision.

If the reasoning in those two examples is valid, then *The Columbia Record* should not only continue publishing, to accommodate people like me, but should also reduce the selling price for the poor. Government should legislate that the cost of everything to each of us varies in proportion to the income of each of us.

Or maybe the rules are: If my business is losing money, get out of it. If someone else's business is losing money, force him to continue to lose, if you can.

What has happened to the golden rule?

HISTORY AND POLITICS



Give me Liberty,
or Give me Death!

RICHARD WINCHELL



Boston Cardinal picketed

BRIGHTON, MA — A small but vocal demo at the home of Bernard Law, Cardinal of the Boston Catholic Archdiocese.

In Boston, they really should know that Cardinal Sin is Archbishop of Manila and Cardinal Law is the new Archbishop of Boston. Do not confuse the two.