



Tan Wilson

"The Jews are the biggest exploiters of blacks, so they must suffer. There will be no sympathy for the Jews when the blacks take over."

—Bishop Desmond Tutu

Bishop Tutu of South Africa states his Nazi views, clearly.

YES, WE HAVE ODD NEWS :

Dixie Trek '87 is May Memorial weekend, May 22-24 at the Hyatt Regency in old Atlanta. Too late to sign up in advance, of course. Leonard Nimoy on program.

No S. C. L. P. con on schedule for '87, but one in Columbia in April's 1st 2 weekends in '88, unless legislature changes the old requirement & lets us have it somewhere else, like in Cayce.

Just Desserts

At D.C. banquets tripe is distributed evenly, but the dessert always winds up on one plate.

Blame for failure is shared equally. credit for success pats only one back.

Susan Packie

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Ironic twist found in magistrate story

Reading in Sunday's paper (Feb. 8) about Florence Magistrate Carolyn Smith's 30 days on the job becoming 30 years, I couldn't help but notice the part about an attempt to deny her the magistrate's job by invoking an old law stating that a magistrate has to be a lawyer.

I find irony in that. On Jan. 23, Judge Smith informed me 30 minutes before trial that I could not defend my 16-year-old son, accused of a traffic violation, because I had not been to law school.

My son hasn't been to law school either but he had to defend himself because at that late hour we didn't have time to hire a \$400 lawyer to help him save his \$40 dollar fine. We lost.

It strikes me as odd that she become a judge without a day of law school, but I, a parent (who in effect was on trial also since I have certain responsibilities for my minor son) could not stand in to defend my son in magistrate court.

Eugene Q. Belk, Florence

The working man pays

Sometime around last October a new litter ordinance was passed in Florence County. Good, I'm all for it. In my opinion, a bottle-busting, bag-thrower is some form of low-life, and should be fined or imprisoned.

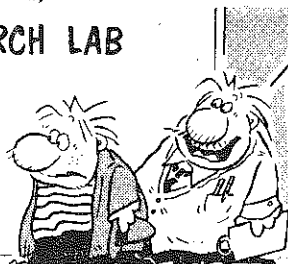
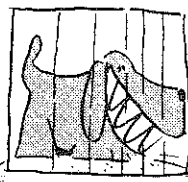
However, a man working for a living, who inadvertently has small branches and even twigs blow off a working truck does not fall into the same category as a premeditated litterer.

But Florence County fined the man I was working for \$215 for just such an offense.

Let me explain the big picture. Due to our elected officials waste, fraud and mismanagement of our tax money, they must find new ways to increase revenue. So once again, they go to the law-abiding working man. And why not? The worst thing he will do is write a letter to the editor.

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Study shows taxes will be higher for many Americans

ANDERSON (AP) — A study by a Clemson University economics professor and the senior partner of a Greenville accounting firm shows that many middle-and upper-income Americans will be paying substantially higher taxes in 1987.

Dr. Richard B. McKenzie and Del Bradshaw, of Bradshaw, Gordon and Clinkscales, told the Anderson Independent-Mail they looked at the new tax law's effect on 60 of Bradshaw's clients, whose 1985 incomes ranged from \$21,500 to \$565,000.

They found the changes caused increases for people in every income group, some as high as 100 percent. Only 19 of the 60 clients had reduced tax liability.

"We expected some people to experience tax increases, but we thought the majority would be reductions," McKenzie said.

McKenzie said it is the first study he knows of that is based on actual taxpayers rather than hypothetical cases or economic models.

When the tax law was signed last year, administration and congressional officials said it would reduce tax rates for most Americans while simplifying the tax code.

But as McKenzie sought more information about how the changes would affect taxpayers, he found the U.S. Treasury Department really didn't know. "They're really flying blind," he said.

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Charleston legislator says bust up the Union

COLUMBIA (AP) — A state representative from Charleston who said he is "siam fed up" with the federal government proposed Tuesday that South Carolina secede from the United States.

The resolution sent to a House committee for study Tuesday stems from sentiment similar to — but not as widespread as — that on Dec. 20, 1860, when South Carolina became the first state to vote to secede from the union and started the chain of events that led to the Civil War.

The vote in the General Assembly that day in Charleston was unanimous. But Rep. Woody Aydlette, who admits he feels a bit like Don Quixote flailing "at bureaucrats" instead of windmills, said he hasn't been able to get any colleagues to back his proposal.



AYDLETTE

"I've been getting a lot of sympathy from the members — no co-sponsors, though," Aydlette said.

The tall, deep-voiced Republican with a thick black moustache is known for taking outlandish stands. And he's been stewing for some time because of the trend in federal government of threatening to withhold funds to force states to pass legislation, such as lowering the drinking age.

His pot boiled over Tuesday morning when he learned that the federal highway administration planned to cut funding to construct a bridge from James Island to Charleston.

"That basically dooms the project; we're back to square one," Aydlette said while leaning back in his state office chair with his hands behind his head.

The federal agency says that while the state can get \$47.9 million to build the bridge, interchanges on the elevated expressway at Lockwood Drive and Harbor View Road as well as a connector to South Carolina 61 are not eligible for funding. Originally, the federal government had approved \$92.4 million for the project.

Residents have been trying for 25 years to get a new bridge built across the Ashley River. The main route

to the city from James Island now is across two bridges, one that opens for boat traffic and has 50,000 cars a day pass across it, Aydlette said.

"We've gone through every conceivable (federal) hearing you could go through — and some twice," he said.

"There was no problem with the plans for the bridge until now, the day we are to sign the contract to sink the pilings, they do this," Aydlette said. "They'll pay for the middle. Now how can you have a bridge that doesn't touch down?"

The resolution sent to the Interstate Cooperation Committee reads:

"To dissolve the union between this state and other states in the United States of America after June 30, 1987, to terminate the jurisdiction of the United States to sink the pilings, they do this," Aydlette said. "They'll pay for the middle. Now how can you have a bridge that doesn't touch down?"

Aydlette said the money to fund the federal government comes from state taxpayers. "It's our money, after all, and sometimes they forget that." "Some times you feel like Don Quixote, frustrated with bureaucrats and no way to get to them — they're there (in office) until they die," he said.

MDs get award for worst words

The medical profession has finally beat out politics for the dubious distinction of topping a list of pointless, redundant, and inappropriate words and phrases.

The list's sponsors at Lake Superior State College in Michigan decided that the best, or rather worst, phrase they encountered in 1986 was: "the patient did not fulfill his wellness potential."

The group said the phrase "not only obscures the fact that the patient died, but places the blame squarely on him."

Other medical entries included referring to patients as "clients," and the practice of sending babies to "neonatal units" instead of nurseries.

This is the first time in 11 years that medicine beat out politics on the list, but physicians may take solace in knowing that they haven't cornered the market on linguistic atrocities.

Other entries included: "filmed before a live audience," as opposed to a dead one; "shower activity," instead of rain; and the redundant "foreign imports."

AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS



"YEAH, I KNOW HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT, BUT I BET HE'S BACK TERRORIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY APRIL...."

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

by Paul Jacob

During Ed Clark's campaign for president in 1980, a friend of mine introduced me to the slogan, "Don't vote--it only encourages them." Yes, the elections are used to legitimize the government's arbitrary power, no doubt about it. If everyone refused to vote it would be a strong signal that individual rights are not to be subject to the whims of democracy. But how likely is this to happen? How capable are we of making this happen? And, would the media cover it? Can we change things at the ballot box? Should we vote, or should we not vote?

Many people vote in self-defense. They don't desire to pick candidates for office or to impose new taxes or laws, but rather they desire to stop the most tyrannical aspirants to power and to vote down new taxes, new laws and government's increasing power over their lives.

The action of voting is little different than calling a telephone poll or answering a survey. Like a telephone poll or a survey, there is no responsibility to respond and certainly if the questions or choices are such that all responses would be harmful, then refusing to participate would be best. But voting is one relatively easy way to voice your opinion. Thirty minutes to vote against three bond issues, or against a referendum to put AIDS victims in concentration camps, is time well spent.

Yet, the decision to vote or not to vote, by itself, does very little for the cause of liberty. Urging others not to vote doesn't stop the government from exercising control over individuals. On the other hand, voting isn't going to launch a thousand ships either. Fight, resist, organize, and campaign for your rights! But, why not vote too?

I say every weapon of the State can be turned around and used against it. The ballot box, the court system, and every method by which government seeks legitimacy can be used to deny and destroy the false legitimacy of State tyranny.

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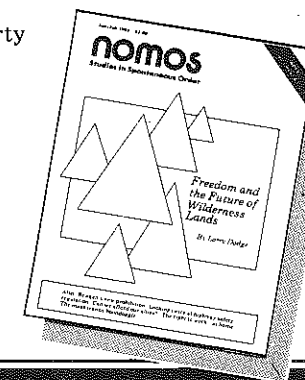
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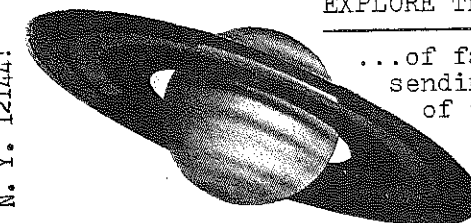
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'87 should be known as year of liberty

In reference to your Jan. 3 editorial, "1987 should be year of local government," I have a better idea. Let's proclaim 1987 the year of Liberty.

Instead of calling for more local government power to regulate our lives and annex our property, I propose that we affirm the supremacy of freedom and individual rights.

Instead of higher local taxes and more government spending, we should insist on less government spending and more privatization of government services. The best way to bring about economic prosperity in our cities and counties is to reduce the government's power to tax and regulate small businesses into oblivion.

1987 should be the year in which we proclaim the Libertarian principle that each individual has the natural right to life, liberty, and honestly-acquired property. Let 1987 be the year when we affirm that all persons have the right to keep the fruits of their labors, to produce and trade freely without government interference, and to engage in any type of behavior that is peaceful, voluntary, and honest.

DAVID MORRIS

Requiring seatbelts imposes tyranny

One of the first decrees of the Ayatollah Khomeini after seizing power was to make wearing the "chador" (a black veil which covers the face and the shoulders) mandatory for Iranian women.

The bill on mandatory safety belts, sponsored for the second time by Sen. John C. Land and his supporters (*The State*, Jan. 25), does not differ substantially from the law of the Iranian tyrant. They both intend to assert totalitarian power under the pretext of saving the souls of the Iranian women and the bodies of the South Carolinians, respectively.

We can buy a drink or smoke a cigarette only when and where our solons permit. They want us to send our children to the schools of their choice. They dispense our tax money to favor the projects of their proteges.

Now they are trying to infiltrate the privacy of our cars; the next will be that of our homes.

I suggest a small variation to the seat belts bill: The punishment for a violation should be 10 lashes to be administered on the Capitol steps, instead of a \$10 fine imposed by a traffic court.

It would be more in line with the Iranian inspiration of the law.

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IRS to return child's savings taken for father's back taxes

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service has agreed to return the life savings of a 10-year-old girl — \$694 — it had seized for non-payment of back taxes by her father.

Kevin Burns said IRS officials gave him documents saying the money would be returned after he showed them his daughter's passbook, which showed a series of small deposits and no withdrawals.

Burns' daughter, Shannon, said she still was upset about having her savings seized.

"I didn't like it," she said. "It was insulting."

The girl said she had earned the money or had received it in gifts.

"I got it from collecting cans, from doing my homework," she said.

"I got it for Christmas. I got some from my dad and some from my grandmother and some from my great-grandparents."

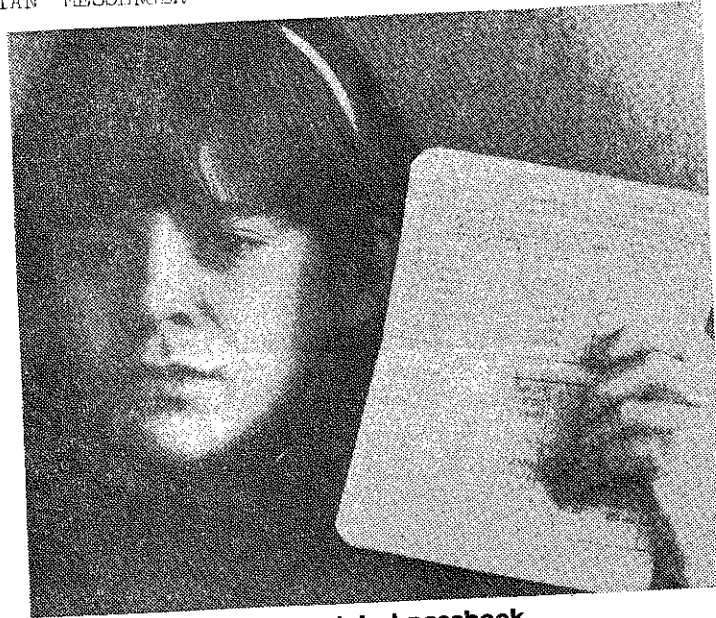
Burns had contacted the news media after receiving a letter from the IRS saying it had seized the account at a Sunnyvale savings and loan. Burns admitted he has owed the IRS more than \$1,000 since 1983.

"It's my problem, not her problem," he said yesterday.

IRS officials said they were glad to clear up the matter.

"These things happen," said spokesman Chip Maurer. "It was triggered because his Social Security number was on the account."

Burns said he put his Social Security number and name on the account along with Shannon's because she is a minor.



Shannon Burns with depleted passbook

Sheheen may end support of tax plan

The man whom the state's Municipal Association is counting on to get them greater taxing authority says he may withdraw his support if the legislation is amended to include a referendum provision.

House Speaker Bob Sheheen, warned delegates at the association's winter meeting that this year's version of the Local Government Finance Act may be a last opportunity for city and county officials to get the power to raise revenue from alternative sources.

However, Sheheen, the chief author and sponsor of the bill, says he would probably oppose the measure if the legislature is asked to vote on a version that includes a provision calling for mandatory referendums.

The Sheheen proposal would give local governments the right to levy optional income and payroll taxes, a 1-cent sales tax, motor vehicle taxes and an admissions tax as ways of supplementing budgets primarily funded with property taxes.

But the House Ways and Means committee is reviewing the bill and is contemplating a provision that would require local officials to put any alternative tax increase on local ballots to determine whether voters support such taxes.

Sheheen says he is opposed to the referendum amendment and would ask his House colleagues to kill the bill if it is reported out of committee with the referendum amendment.

Sheheen believes local elected officials will be responsible deciding what alternative taxation method to use, noting that they face a referendum of sorts when they run for office.

The speaker told the hundreds of local officials during a speech on the bill yesterday that this year's version may be the last chance for the idea to become law.

"I don't think we'll face up to it," Sheheen said. "The hard choices don't come up every year."



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Gov. Campbell Took wobbly tax position

In his State of the State address, Gov. Carroll Campbell missed a golden opportunity to come out in favor of lower taxes, less government, free enterprise, and individual rights. He expressed support for the Local Government Finance Act, which would allow cities and counties to impose new taxes on citizens.

The Local Government Finance Act, if passed, would allow cities and counties to increase the tax burden on the working people of South Carolina. It would hamper economic development, create an unwieldy bureaucracy, increase the cost of doing business, and increase unemployment.

Businesses are attracted to South Carolina because of the low rate of local taxes, among other reasons. New industries are often given tax breaks when they move into the state. For this reason, if local taxes are increased, the burden of paying these taxes will fall on individuals and small businesses, not on those who can most easily afford them. Since small businesses create most of the new jobs, the Local Government Finance Act will result in fewer new jobs being available in South Carolina.

If local governments would seriously consider privatizing some services, not only would we have lower taxes, but we would have better services. This also applies at the state and federal levels. Governments should be limited to their proper function: protecting each person's right to life, liberty and honestly acquired property.

To his credit, Campbell said he is against local income taxes. He also called for slight property tax reductions in counties that impose other taxes, but only one third of the new taxes would go toward reducing property taxes. So, any way you look at it, Gov. Campbell has placed himself on the side of higher taxes, and that is bad news for South Carolinians.

David Morris, Columbia

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Damage

WIDOW Elsie Griffin tried to get her neighbour jailed yesterday after he tried to get his son's ball back.

Mrs Griffin, 75, claimed father of two Francis Metcalfe had broken a court pledge not to trespass on her land. Mr Metcalfe, 45, had given the undertaking to Middlesbrough County Court last year during a boundary dispute.

THE SUN.

But he went next door to the widow's home after she refused to return a football kicked into her garden while his 12-year-old son Kevin was playing with a pal.

Mr Metcalfe's lawyer Timothy Roberts told Judge Dennis Orde: "He sensed there would be criminal damage done to the ball by his neighbour bursting it." Mrs Griffin, of Falcon Road, Middlesbrough, denied intending to damage the ball. But Judge Orde refused her application at Middlesbrough to commit the textile engineer to prison.

ROBERT Sutton thought it was just good fun when he blew a raspberry.

But Police Constable Derrick Inns caught the offending sound and was not amused. He arrested him.

Robert's friend Adam Sharp, also 20, protested. He blew several raspberries of his own at the fully obstructing a police constable and asked to be arrested himself.

P.C. Inns obliged, and later both youths

appeared before the local magistrates.

Robert, of Robert Avenue, St. Albans, was convicted of conducting himself in a noisy, abusive manner likely to cause a breach of the peace.

He was bound over to keep the peace for a year, or pay £50 in default.

Adam, of Warren Road St. Albans, admitted wilful obstruction of a police officer in the execution of his duty, and was fined £30.

Both youths were ordered to pay £5 costs.

HAVE-A-GO hero Newell Snell dashed to rescue a young woman who was being attacked—and ran straight into trouble with the police.

Instead of being praised he was threatened with arrest. Officers told him he had broken the law by going to the woman's aid with an offensive weapon.

THE MIRROR.

Snell, 32, saw the woman being attacked in a flat near his home at Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

He ran home, dialled 999 and picked up half a snooker cue before going back to the scene of the assault.

Decorator Snell said yesterday: "The police gave me a real rollicking and took no action against the man who had beaten up the woman."

"I picked up the heavy end of my snooker cue because I thought that the man carrying out the attack might have been armed."

"I acted the way I did because my wife's friend was murdered recently and at the trial of the man accused the judge said she might have been saved if someone had gone to her assistance."

When the woman answered the door of the flat Mr Snell saw marks on her face, she was clutching her ribs.

Police spent five minutes with her and said later they could do nothing.

Snell said: "The officers threatened to confiscate and destroy my cue."

Couple not likely to get tax refund

CHARLOTTE (AP) — James and Elizabeth Bigger paid property taxes for six years on a house that didn't exist, and although Mecklenburg County officials acknowledge the error, they say they can refund only half the couple's money.

The house, a four-room building the Biggers had rented out for 20 years, was bought by the state and demolished in 1980 to make way for a road.

County Tax Administrator J.A. Stone asked the county commissioners last week to refund taxes of \$77.98 paid on the building in 1984 and 1985, but not taxes from prior years.

"I called the county and asked why not," Elizabeth Bigger, 78, said yesterday. "The man said he was sorry but the law wouldn't allow them to give us any refund that far back."

"Even if it was their fault," James Bigger said.

The Biggers said they didn't know how much they paid in the earlier years. Bigger said the couple would not appeal and had not consulted a lawyer.

"We just realize there can't be anything done about it," Bigger said.

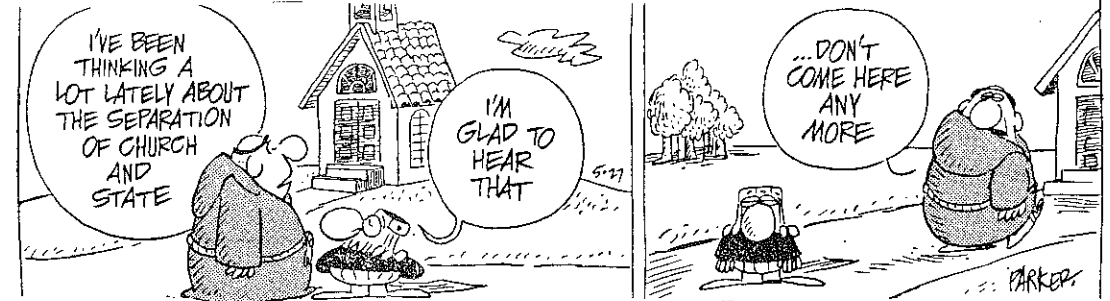
"We're not angry," Mrs. Bigger said. "We're not going to worry about it."

BOSSSES of Rolls-Royce took a heavy-handed swipe at car buff Michael Cox yesterday — for giving the Top People's motor a bad name.

Michael, of Dursley, Gloucs, has built a replica of a 1930s Roller from scrap metal, old bedsteads and lorry parts.

But now the firm have asked him for drawings of his car in case it "damages the reputation" of real Rolls-Royces.

Michael, 57, said: "No one is likely to mistake it. But mine is very reliable, I use it every day."



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Thomas Jefferson, writing from Paris to Col. Carrington in Congress (1787) "If once they become inattentive to public affairs, you and I, Congress and assemblies, judges and governors, shall all become wolves." Continually looking back to avoid being bitten by a wolf, any human running through the woods, risks slamming into a tree...or, another runner. A youngster, with a particular musk-attractant (such as fermented hops) on him, would tear through the trees at break-neck speed to avoid the bite of the screaming black and white wolf behind him.

How many young sons of legislators, chased to their deaths by pursuing patrolmen, will it take for them to say No! to the federal blackmail--of the "21 to drink, 17 to bleed" and the "double nickel distractor"? The roadside imposition of 1974 did not apply to either area or condition (inside city limits at speeds below 50 mph) where most fatalities historically occurred. From the American Almanac, published by the Dept. of Commerce (1974), we get these figures that put egg on their faces (and blood on their paws): Average speed for all vehicles in 1950 was 47.6 mph. Deaths per 100,000,000 vehicle miles: 7.6. By 1971 the average speed had increased to 60.6 mph --but the deaths for the same distance had dropped to 4.5. Due to gasoline shortages, a shift to mass transit and higher pump prices, urban traffic (especially weekend) decreased from 20 to 30 per cent at the time and immediately following the new limit. To that reduction is due the credit for reduction in traffic fatalities--not the "55".

Doyle Henry

White in race victory

A YOUTH who was turned down for a job by a Left-wing council because he was WHITE won £350 compensation yesterday.

Labour-controlled Hackney Council in East London was found



Anthony... job

guilty of racial discrimination by an industrial tribunal. Anthony Hughes, 21, was told it was blacks only when he applied for a job as trainee gardener. He said yesterday: "I'm overjoyed. It was the principle of the thing."

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SCHOOL-GATE "cafes" are competing for children's dinner money in a price war.

Cut-price cafes take the business

Children are being offered instant snacks from stalls—at below the cost of school dinners.

Shops and cafes near schools are also laying on cut-price snacks to attract hungry kids.

The demand for dinners at 55p has dropped by 50 per cent at Ongar Comprehensive School, Essex.

Claim

But at least 100 pupils queue for snacks at a stall outside the school each day.

The charge is 45p for sandwiches, a drink and a bun.

The school is going over to a cafeteria system soon — and snacks will then cost 75p.

Headmaster John Swallow said yesterday:

"The danger is that a



Mark Carlisle... 'No extra cash for dinner duty'

lot of children are going to go hungry.

"We have children bringing money from home for the school meals and using it to buy food at the gate."

"I am in great diffi-

culty. If I say everyone should stay inside the school in the lunch hour, I would need more staff to look after the children. "The meals service in the county is in danger of being ruined, in fact, it could be on the point of collapse."

Plan

Counties like Essex have been hit by the drop in children taking dinners because of the changes which allow authorities to charge an economic price or change the type of meal they provide.

Education Secretary Mark Carlisle has said that teachers will not be paid extra for supervising school meals.

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COLUMBIA, SC — Organizers of this city's "I Love America" rally, part of a series of fundamentalist Christian rallies, mistakenly invited the local Metropolitan Community Church to participate — and MCC accepted.

The *Front Page*, North Carolina's lesbian and gay paper, reports (via GAZE, Memphis's paper) that organizers of the Columbia rally were apparently unaware that MCC ministers primarily to lesbians and gay males when they invited the church's Rev. Nancy Radcliff to take a place on the podium with 70 other local ministers.

The "I Love America" rally series, organized by television evangelist Jerry Falwell, denounces homosexuality, feminism and abortion, among other progressive goals, as contributing to the downfall of the United States.

Radcliff accepted the invitation, and was introduced to the crowd along with the other ministers.

Lesbian and gay picketers in the crowd reportedly carried signs which were "carefully worded to be inoffensive and nonconfrontational."

When asked why MCC members were at the rally, one participant told *The Front Page*, "We love America, too."

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Mum in ordeal

A YOUNG mum was dragged screaming from her home while bailiffs removed her furniture to pay a debt she did not owe, a court heard yesterday.

When police carried her to the station, with a WPC holding her four-year-old son, 21-year-old Andrea Rhoden hit a constable through his glove.

"The whole thing was a miscarriage of justice," Mr Terence Munyard, defending, told Inner London Crown court yesterday. For an hour, Andrea had tried to tell the Sheriff's officer and police that the debt was not hers.

She told them a former boyfriend must have given her address. When he ran up a £700 car-hire bill he never paid.

Andrea, a student, of Gypsy Hill, South East London, produced receipts proving all the furniture was hers.

Bicycle

But the bailiff said he had a High Court writ and the entire contents of her home were removed, said Mr Munyard.

Andrea admitted the assault and the judge gave her a conditional discharge for two years.

The writ was eventually rescinded and the furniture returned, although some was damaged.

Andrea said later: "They took away all of my things, including my little boy's bicycle. He still has nightmares about it."

She has lodged a complaint with Scotland Yard about police conduct and issued writs against the bailiff and his company.

Andrea said she had contacted her solicitor when she was told the bailiff would be coming. She has issued a writ against the solicitor because she said he failed to stop the seizure.

GOOD SAMARITAN Kevin Timmins diverted traffic at the scene of a road crash... and was brutally murdered by a driver he delayed.

The killer leapt from a car in the waiting queue and stabbed 17-year-old Kevin in the heart.

Last night the police chief hunting the killer lashed out

Chief Superintendent John Day said: "It is disgusting that a good lad can be brutally murdered over a minor traffic problem."

Kevin's death followed a happy night out with his sister Tina, 16, and her friend Caroline Enwright, 17.

The trio were on their way home from the Crown Disco in Harlesden High Street, North West London, when Caroline was knocked down by a car.

Blood

Kevin, from Fortune Gate Road, Harlesden, rushed on to the road and held up cars to stop Caroline being hit again.

Tina, tears streaming down her face, said: "A coloured man suddenly jumped from one of the cars behind and stabbed him. It was horrible... there was blood everywhere."

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A PENSIONER spent his final days a prisoner in an old folk's home.

He died locked in and heavily drugged.

His "crime" was wanting to enjoy the only pleasures he had left... a pint and a smoke.

The heartbreak case is highlighted in a report to social services chiefs.

The un-named man, who was partially sighted, was denied his nightly trip to the local because staff feared he would be a danger among traffic.

And his cigarettes were confiscated because of the fire risk.

Now staff at old folk's homes in Sheffield are being urged to give residents more freedom.

Robert Browne, who compiled the report for the city's Community Services Department, said: "This is a sad case. He was deprived of the two pleasures he had left."

"There would have been risks letting him out, but they were worth taking."

"Life is about taking risks. It's what makes it worth living."



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IT WAS 10.30 p.m. when the well-dressed woman walked into the fish and chip shop and gave her order for plaice and chicken.

While her husband remained outside in their car, she chatted with the manager as he prepared the food.

But then three high-spirited, casually-dressed young men walked into the shop.

One of them—about six-feet tall, well-built, and with a bushy, fair beard—approached the woman from behind.

According to her and the manager, he startled her by putting his hands around her waist. Despite her struggles, it is claimed, he lifted her off the ground and molested her.

The woman, visibly shaken, pushed the man away telling him that her husband was outside.

But then came a real shock. The alleged assailant's shorter, dark-haired friend pulled out an identification card.

Thrusting it in front of the woman's face, it is claimed, he told her: "You can't do anything. We're police."

After allegedly insulting the woman, the three men left the shop.

The woman and her husband went to a police station only 200 yards away.

Now the police have confirmed that they are investigating a complaint.

A senior officer from Chiswick is to head the investigation into the alleged incident in Tony's Fish Bar in High Street, Brentford.

A spokesman refused to name any of the three officers or the woman. She lives locally and is believed to be in her late 30s.

The police spokesman said: "No officer has been suspended or charged. There will be a thorough inquiry."

Shop manager Mr. Paul Kokkinou, 21, said he was angered by the officers' behaviour. He claimed they had been drinking.

"The woman is a regular customer. She is respectable and very friendly," he said. "If she takes this to court, I am prepared to be a witness."

THE POLICE have come up with a new policy for dealing with disturbances in racially tense areas which could develop into riots.

They simply keep quiet about them.

And they are claiming the first success for their new plan after a tense scene in Notting Hill, London, on Maundy Thursday.

Nothing was made public about it until yesterday, a week later.

A young woman from the area gave the key of her flat to a visiting coloured man from Birmingham.

But he went to the wrong flat by mistake and tried the key in the lock.

The woman occupant thought someone was trying to break in and called the police.

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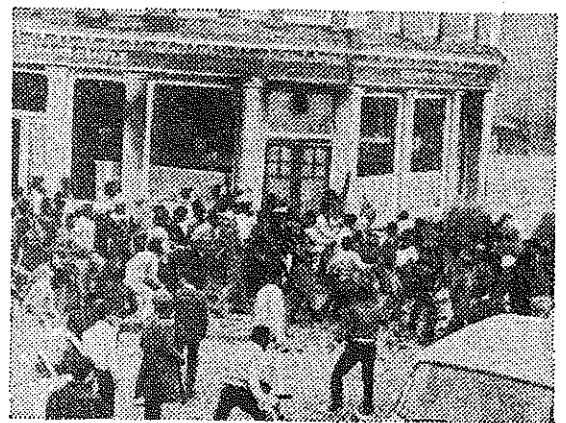
A POSSE of armed police and Customs men swooped on a yacht they thought was smuggling drugs and arms into Britain.

They ordered owner Peter Robertson, his 14-year-old son Mark and a crewman to lie on the ground at gunpoint.

But when they stormed aboard the Little Belinda at Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, nothing was found.

And the only suspicious "substance" they did seize turned out to be scouring powder.

Last night, furious businessman Mr Robertson, 40, who had been on an innocent holiday cruise, called the bumbling officers "a bunch of kids with guns."



New police policy may avoid this.

They held the man until his story could be confirmed.

While they waited an angry crowd gathered.

But a woman officer, Supt Gwen Symonds, assured the crowd that the incident arose from a genuine mistake.

The tension eased and the crowd dispersed.

Scotland Yard had followed their new low-profile policy and did not release information.

They believe that if they had and local radio had broadcast it the incident could have escalated to become another Brixton or Toxteth. They con-

He added: "This was a real Mickey Mouse operation."

Mr Robertson and crewman Sam McLeod, 22, were held in cells at Kingston police station for several hours before the officers realised they had blundered.

Customs chiefs had asked police to trail Mr Robertson's 40ft cruiser up the Thames, believing it had picked up drugs and arms at a Continental port.

trast the result of their handling of the scene in Notting Hill with an incident at Bedford Police Station on March 27.

Immediate local publicity about the arrest of four coloured people there brought out a mob who besieged the police station. The police were forced to free the four on bail.

Mr James Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation, said yesterday: "We have found that if news of a riot is sent out, particularly to local radio, it entices the crowds."

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'CB' Good Samaritan

RADIO ham Leslie Ashmore used his "Citizens' Band" radio to track down a stolen van. But it has cost him a £400 fine.

For it is illegal to own a CB set in Britain, a court heard yesterday. Leslie, whose CB radio codename is Saddle-tramp, saw a van which had been stolen being driven near his home and gave chase. But, Chesterfield magistrates heard yesterday, it got away.

Help

So he used his CB waveband to call up other CB users and organise a roadblock. Yesterday financial consultant Leslie, 34, of Belvedere Avenue, Walton, Chesterfield, admitted two charges of installing and two of using sets.

The court heard that the CB waveband—reserved for medical and other services—should not be interrupted.

After the hearing Leslie said: "I was trying to help the police."

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A WOMAN has been sentenced to be stoned to death in Pakistan for committing adultery.

Gul Nisa, 35, of Attock District near Islamabad, has been sentenced under tough family laws passed in 1979 which have led to thousands of Pakistanis being flogged publicly.

Lawyers have lodged an appeal against the sentence and are hopeful because although women have been sentenced to death for adultery before, no execution has yet been carried out.

The Pakistan Women Lawyers Association is concerned about this case and two recent others.

In the first a 16-year-old blind girl was sentenced to 15 lashes and three years jail when she gave birth after being raped.

In the second a woman was sentenced to death for adultery, her lover was not. Both women were eventually acquitted.

Gul Nisa was separated from her husband but she asked him not to divorce her.

In return she agreed to a contract which gave him her permission to remarry and bound her not to have sex with another man.

However, she later became pregnant by a man in her village.

New curb on psychos

TOUGHER controls over the release from custody of psychopathic murderers and rapists are on the way. Government action will effectively take the power to free them out of the hands of doctors.

One plan being considered would allow courts to order a minimum period a psychopathic criminal had to spend either in a top security mental hospital or prison.

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