

quently on the subject, he noticed some brethren watching a squirrel in a tree. Joseph shot the squirrel dead and walked away to see what the brethren would do. Orson Hyde picked up the squirrel and said, "We will cook this, that nothing will be lost." According to Joseph, the brethren then understood what he had been trying to teach them.

I believe that when a hunter disregards the lives and property of human beings by discharging a weapon within the legal minimum safety zone to kill for sport, he is in fact hunting rattlesnakes, not squirrels. Would it be too presumptuous to state that out of those 40,000 hunters, there are those that kill animals for sport and not for meat? Are there hunters who let their kill lie to rot in the field, or who will fill six other peoples permits? Is it not possible that there are even hunters who only kill their limit and keep the meat they harvest, yet use this outward appearance to justify what they know within themselves is hunting out of a sense of sport and not of genuine need?

Indeed meat is for man. The Word of Wisdom further states that meat is to be used only sparingly in times of winter or of cold or famine. Now, read on in D&C 49 to verse 21. "And wo be unto man that sheddeth blood or that wasteth flesh and hath no need."

Hunting animals for meat is different than hunting animals for sport. I make no judgment on the intent of another's heart. I only raise the issue because some hunters, for some reason, put me and my family in harms way at our home. And, for the life of me, I can't understand why.

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Abatement help

Editor:

Attention, all people over 65. If your only income is Social Security and you own your home, you are entitled to a reduction in your property tax, by an abatement.

If you already know about this tax abatement and are using it, fine. If you know nothing about it, go to the county building, 100 E. Center St., Provo, room 3600 and ask to see the abatement officer.

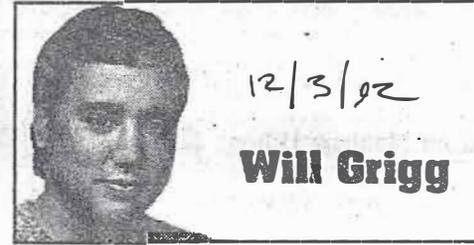
Anti-prejudice activism a freedom threat

Although their role in history has been exaggerated, the agents of the Inquisition anticipated many of the worst aspects of modern politics. A tactic favored by Iberian inquisitors was to compel a Jew or other "infidel" to convert to the state church — and then to register official doubt about the sincerity of the forced conversion, thus creating a pretext for punishment.

The "Holy Office" existed (in Queen Elizabeth's phrase) to "make windows into the souls of men." A similar desire inspires Torquemada's modern descendants. Although the instruments of torture that made medieval Spanish life so stimulating aren't presently in common use, minor-league inquisitors abound, and some of them have judged Marge Schott to be a political infidel.

Marge Schott is the owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. Under her stewardship the Reds won a world championship in 1990, sweeping the heavily favored Oakland A's in four games. But she has recently become entangled in a lawsuit with a former employee, who filed a deposition alleging that Schott has made racist remarks and otherwise offended the merciless idol called "sensitivity."

According to the deposition, Schott has made references to (forgive me) "niggers" and "money grubbing Jews"; she was also said to possess a Nazi armband and to have declared that Adolf Hitler was "initially good" for Germany. (This assessment of Hitler, although utterly unsustainable, can be found in some supposedly reputable historical works.) She has vigor-



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ously denied allegations of racism and professes puzzlement about the furor.

The case against her, which is adapted from the accusations of a disaffected former employee, depends upon unverifiable accusations, and to some extent upon radical animosity at Schott's expense: she is German, and anti-German hostility remains Politically Correct. Of course, her rejection of racism is dismissed as insincere by her critics.

Major League Baseball may condescend to the formality of an investigation, but Schott has already been convicted by the "Holy Office of Political Sensitivity." Cincinnati Councilman Tyrone Yates has already announced a verdict: "Baseball owners should investigate this matter on a quick basis. Then, based on all the evidence, Mrs. Schott should be suspended from ownership of the Reds until we get a full recant (sic) from her of these remarks(.)"

Bush, Clinton should stand together on Somalia

WASHINGTON — When Bill Clinton dropped by the Oval Office, he hardly had time to study the furniture in his future digs. George Bush gave him a rapid-fire lecture on the only subject he knows, for-

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This is a familiar approach: verdict first, trial later. Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League has charged that Schott has "sullied and tainted" baseball simply by being accused of racist remarks.

Sam Donaldson, a reliable retailer of trendy nonsense, brayed on the Brinkley television program that "Marge Schott is said to have a Nazi armband; I think she ought not to be allowed to own a baseball team." Major League Baseball officials are being urged to sanction Schott before she can arrange a legal defense.

Columnist Pete Drexler summarized that view: "Schott does not need to be investigated — it takes two minutes to see everything you need to know. You don't have to investigate hate; there is enough of it lying there in plain view. She needs to be shunned."

But why stop there? To the dungeon with the crone! Cane her feet! Brand her with a crimson "R"! Tear out her offending tongue! Break her on the wheel!

If baseball can survive the richly remunerated mediocrity of grotesquely overpriced talent, it can survive Marge Schott's eccentric inner life. But the Schott incident isn't about baseball; it's about political piety. The modern political inquisitors, like their ancient antecedents, insist that nobody is entitled to a private inner life, and to violate the P.C. canon in any particular is to transgress the entire law.

Racism is repulsive, but the totalitarian tropism of anti-prejudice activism is a far more active threat to freedom.

cials — "Oh, the troops will be out by the time Clinton takes office" — are balderdash.

Some military experts say a Somali campaign would drag on past the end of