

paid to be elected mayor, on Sept. 3 Hill did a turnaround and declared he was pulling out of the race to avoid putting his family and friends through additional trauma. Frankly, we found that admirable.

But now, it turns out, there is still a possibility he could be elected and seated. It seems Mr. Hill neglected to

want to put my family and the city of Provo through any more unwelcome publicity. If I am elected, I will refuse to serve."

As long as Mayor Hill won't say that, he must be considered a candidate for this race, because, legally, he is in a position to win.

## Letters

### Ready to sign

Editor:

I saw an article in *The Daily Herald* recently that Ruth Cardon and Roberta Olsen had joined three other women in presenting petitions of more than 2,000 people protesting the series "NYPD Blue," which is scheduled to begin Sept. 21. They said "Peter Mathas, station manager, was very gracious and cordial. He told us, however, that he did not think the show was any worse than shows we see all the time on TV. He reaffirmed the station's current intention of airing the program as scheduled," Mrs. Cardon said.

Two of the women said more than 10,000 signatures on petitions against the series have been received by the station, and only three signatures in favor.

I commend these women for their efforts, but they have another card to play. With 12,000 signatures against, for a starter, they need to begin a crusade to boycott the companies and products that will sponsor that show. I think, if their customers begin to shop elsewhere for other products, the station manager will quickly see the advantage of listening to them. I am ready to join the boycott. Where do I sign?

Erick E. Erickson  
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### Sacrifice for children

Editor:

Regarding Maughan Rollins letter which appeared in the Sept. 12 edition of *The Herald*, I hope you will print the following comment.

Yes, a better education is generally available for a student at a private school than at a public school. But, what is wrong with parents sacrificing for their children to have a better education? Surely even someone with Mr. Rollins altruistic sensibilities would gladly sacrifice for the good of his own children.

Mr. Rollins wants parents to support public schools at the expense of their own children. Perhaps some good could come from taking 20 percent away from the better students in order to help the less serious ones. But, why is it honorable to give up that 20 percent for a possible 5 percent improvement on the other end?

It may be well for parents to sacrifice for the common good, but is too much to ask of the good students. Society isn't improved by pulling people down. Rather, it is achieved by lifting people up, and most of the time,

scandal in the past 18 months. The scandal started in Texas where the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) documented many cases of psychiatric hospitals keeping patients the exact length of their insurance coverage, diagnosing the patient to fit the insurance coverage (thereby increasing profits), and frequently billing for counseling that never happened.

Representative Pat Schroeder stated in her opening statement to the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Family hearings last year, "Our investigation has found: that thousands of adolescent, children and adults have been hospitalized for psychiatric treatment they didn't need; that hospitals hire bounty hunters to kidnap patients with mental health insurance; that patients are kept against their will until their insurance benefits run out; that psychiatrists are being pressured by the hospitals to alter their diagnosis to increase profit; that hospitals 'infiltrate' schools by paying kickbacks to school counselors who deliver students; that bonuses are being paid to hospital employees, including psychiatrists, for keeping the hospital beds filled; and that military dependents are being targeted for their generous mental health benefits."

Including mental health insurance in the national health care package would bankrupt our country!

Marie Gale  
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### Concrete example

Editor:

I am a young man who has earned by Eagle. My project was to build a concrete bridge spanning an irrigation ditch by Barnett Elementary School in Payson.

The project I chose to do was really needed for the safety of the students; it was also quite an expensive project, for which I had to earn the money, almost \$400.

As I called different concrete companies to get the cost of concrete for my project, Westroc said that they would donate the concrete for the Eagle project.

This really helped me get the bridge built before school started last year, making it much safer for the kids.

I want to publicly thank Westroc, and also I'd like to encourage all those interesting in Boy Scouting to buy their concrete from Westroc whenever they have a need for concrete.

Brian Hegerhorst  
Payson

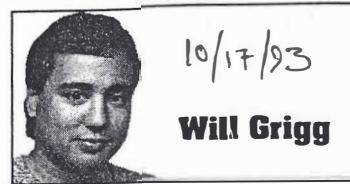
## Plan smacks of 'Communist Manifesto'

The House Education and Labor Committee, according to a committee staffer quoted in *Newsweek*, "Would pass the 'Communist Manifesto' if it had jurisdiction." The committee did play a significant role in the passage of Bill Clinton's national service program, which is broadly congruent with the eighth plank of the Manifesto. That plank dictates the "equal liability of all to labor" and the "creation of industrial armies."

The national service plan passed last week will create 20,000 federally-funded, full-time youth jobs by fall 1994; the lure for participation consists of a \$4,725 college scholarship for each year of service. Clinton has peddled the program as a means of ensuring college funding for all college-age Americans. However, the concept's chief attraction for Clinton is its utility as a social engineering scheme.

In a *Newsweek* interview, Clinton claimed that his program would lift youth out of "the self-centered life" into a culture of civic-mindedness. The plan would reward college-aged Americans for "serving their country ... something that most people their age won't do." Of course, Clinton himself declined the opportunity for national service as a draft-age student, and his hands have never been sullied by the manual tasks his program will require of its youthful participants.

The program as currently defined is voluntary, but the use of federal funds to entice students into "public service" will create dislocations in the private economy.



Will Grigg

### At Home and Abroad

It should be remembered that they also serve who work in the private sector — but the private sector is terra incognita to the policy wonks and dilettante socialists who presently infest the Executive Branch, from the Oval Office on down.

Furthermore, there are indications that the national service program will not remain voluntary. Approximately 200 local school jurisdictions list "public service" as a requirement for high school graduation. The educational exorcism called "Outcome-Based Education" requires students at all levels to participate in "service," particularly in environmental matters.

Charles Moskos of Northwestern University, who has submitted a detailed plan for "voluntary" national service, admits that "if I could have a magic wand I would be for a compulsory system."

Mickey Kaus, author of "The End of Equality," suggests that those who refuse

to participate in national service should be imprisoned.

Libertarian commentator Doug Bandow has been a consistent and lucid critic of national service. Writing in the August issue of *The Freeman* he points out that any scheme of national service, voluntary or coercive, rests upon the assumption that "as a price for being born in the United States one 'owes' a year or two of one's life to Washington." Clinton takes this conceit farther still, insisting that his program will be therapy for America's troubled soul.

National service, claims Clinton, "is one of those things we have to do to re-establish the ability to talk to one another." *Newsweek* explained that Clinton seeks to "break down rock-hard barriers of the heart" through racial, class and religious integration of college-age youth.

But this year's "Summer of Service" youth volunteers have supped at the table of devout multicultural malcontents. Shortly after the program began, its 1,500 participants apportioned themselves into racial, ethnic and gender factions and began pressing for special entitlements. The Marxist element among the students sought to use the program to push for a general mobilization of the poor for radical redistribution of wealth.

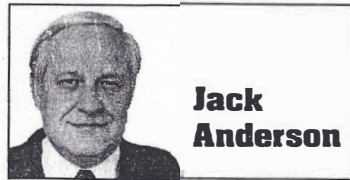
While Clinton's proto-Marxist proteges were squabbling about matters of PC protocol, millions of other American youths were offering productive service in the private sector. It is the former who should learn from the latter, not the reverse.

## Use of seized asset funds causes problems

WASHINGTON — Putting the profit motive into police work earned the seven-man police force of Little Compton, R.I., a \$4 million jackpot from the Justice Department's asset forfeiture program.

The Justice Department requires that cash and property seized in a drug bust be used for drug enforcement purposes. Little Compton police chief Egbert Hawes is one of the program's biggest proponents: "I think (asset forfeiture) is the greatest thing in drug enforcement," he told us.

But an internal Justice Department report suggests that Little Compton's cops have some novel notions of what constitutes drug enforcement. According to a recent Inspector General report reviewed by our associate Andrew Conte, Hawes



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made several questionable purchases including teddy bears and T-shirts, office furniture for the town council, a Fourth of July fireworks display, a copying machine for the tax assessor and a wood chipper. After Hurricane Bob littered the town with tree limbs, drug money was used to buy a wood chipper, but there was one proviso: the chips were placed along the berm of the police department's new rifle range.

Hawes had the police station deloused, and the fire trucks painted, according to the report. There was a TV and a VCR for the town center. A new pickup truck for the

shared property and property purchased with sharing funds are adequately safeguarded. The absence of effective controls could lead to waste, loss and misappropriation of sharing inventories."

In a series of columns on asset forfeiture, we have reported that since 1985, the Justice Department has reaped nearly \$2.6 billion in cash and property from the program. About \$600 million of it has been returned to individual federal agencies and \$1 billion to state and local police like the Little Compton police force.

"When the Little Compton, R.I., police force received \$3.8 million seized from a drug bust ... (the money) did little to address the root causes of drug use and addiction," Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., who has chaired hearings on proposed changes in the forfeiture laws, told us. "Welcome to the arcane and irrational world of the civil asset forfeiture laws."

Asset forfeiture has turned the government's war on drugs into a high-stakes bounty hunt. It's the reason an assistant prosecutor in New Jersey tools around in a forfeited yellow Corvette and why the Philadelphia police force could afford to

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