

The State Of The Nation: Volatile And Treacherous

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I hope that headline doesn't upset your karma or other life forces you've assembled to help you deal with a cold, cruel world. After all, for months, now, I've been warning of the plans of that horde of hungry Republican locusts that have descended on the nation's capitol. "Individuals" did not supply the most money. It was in my "Perspectives" column for December 8 ("All Roads Lead To Rome") that I detailed the "Welfare-For-Corporations" that congress uses to repay its big campaign contributors. Isn't it strange that the media are just now beginning to use

that term? Perhaps they regret having gone so far in supporting the November election efforts of many of these new and irresponsible fiscal hoodlums and hypocrites (and racists). Suddenly, both the print media and T.V. networks are beginning to show pictures of the White Poor, see cover, "Parade Magazine." Last year I wrote a "Mathematics Rap" for some school children, part of a copyrighted series I've been developing to aid children to conquer here-to-fore difficult concepts in math and science. Monday a parent persuaded me to write a political rap for her own little group of four; it begins...

"Gramm was on the dole from the get go. Now attacks the blacks from the ghetto" This little excursion was prompted by a Washington Post revelation that senator Phil Gramm (R) from Texas, the leader of the "bash-the-poor" forces has a long history of being supported by government entitlement and welfare programs. In fact, we taxpayers paid for the birth of this monstrous hypocrite who was born at the base hospital where his father was living on a veteran's disability pension. Nothing wrong with this kind of entitlement for those who have served our country, but to suddenly discover 50 years later that

government entitlement are wrong! "Chiselers, parasites, welfare state", he cries. Senator Gramm's personal "welfare state" did not stop there. His college education and expenses we paid through the War Orphans Act and his graduate work underwritten by the Defense Education Act at Texas A&M he's been on the government payroll every since. Yes, this is the same hypocrite who in 1979, proclaimed himself "an advocate of fiscal responsibility" -- and then poured 8 billion down the "Super Collider hole in ground". Now it is perfectly obvious that you can't balance the budget on the backs of the poor (black

and white), or by snatching the bread out of the mouths of children on the School Lunch Program or by sacrificing the safety and good health of us all through their "pay-back-industry" programs meant to gut Product Safety, Occupational Health and Safety, the Food And Drug Administration, Agricultural Products Inspection, and through a general rollback of the environmental laws passed (elatedly) to maintain the health we have left. There is not enough gained here to finance a tax cut for the wealthy--so stridently promised in Republican campaign literature. Nor will the elimination of federal funds for the Public

Broadcasting Corporation be of any measurable help. Not any more than the little to be saved by the profanely announced opposition of Confederate Senator Jessie Helms (R) to a charter for a National African American History Museum within the Smithsonian Institution Complex. It is painfully clear that the Republicans have no cards in the ultimate game of the nation's hypocrites: "Balance The Budget". A million here and a few hundred thousand there will not match up to a deficit in the "trillions". Next week, more games at the national level, including the NAACP.

South Carolina State University Recipient Of The Coca-Cola Award



South Carolina State University head football coach Willie Jeffries, third left, displays The Coca-Cola National Black College Football Championship Award received at the 60th annual 100% Wrong Club Banquet in Atlanta, Ga. The award was presented to the University for hav-

ing won the most football games during regular season play. The 100% Wrong Club, founded in 1934, annually recognizes the accomplishments of collegiate athletes, community leaders, and national pioneers in the fields of sports and social justice. The awards banquet was sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. Joining in the presentation, from left, are Atlanta sports broadcaster and banquet co-M.C., Stu Klitenic; Eugene McCullers, manager, Corporate External Affairs, The Coca-Cola Company; Marion Marshall, quarterback, South Carolina State University; William B. Shropshire, president, 100% Wrong Club; and Jeff Hullinger, Atlanta sports broadcaster and co-M.C.

60-Year-Old Begins March Against Hunger

A year-long cross-country trek to promote the work of food banks and publicize the problems of hunger and poverty began Thursday at the Oregon Food Bank in northeast Portland. "Food banks do a lot of good, and I want to get that message out to the public," said March. He started the journey on his 60th birthday after arriving in Portland by bus from Cadillac, Mich., where he worked at a food bank for three years. He plans to return to the Oregon Food Bank next year for 61st birthday. Wherever he stops, March says, he will promote hunger-relief agencies that belong to Chicago-based Second Harvest, a na-

tionwide network of food banks, of which the Oregon Food Bank and March's food bank in Cadillac are members. "We have enough food for hungry people in this country," March said. "It's a matter of getting it to where it's needed and that's what Second Harvest Food Banks do." March intends to walk from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Maine, then to Florida, then head back west, walking to California, up the West Coast returning to Portland and the Oregon Food Bank next year. At each stop, March will ask people to donate to their local food banks one cent for every mile he walks or as much as they want to pledge.

Correct Number For Albina Youth Fund
Donations to a PaineWebber Scholarship Fund to benefit the Albina Youth Opportunity School can be made payable to the AYOS Benefit Scholarship Fund (account number: FR 36465-17). The number was incorrect in our Feb. 22 edition. We regret the error.

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Officer Arrested On Drug Charges

Bradley R. Bengé, 26, a Portland police officer, was arrested last week on 11 criminal counts alleging possession and distribution of marijuana, official misconduct, forgery, theft, and tampering with public records. Two civilians were also arrested in connection with the investigation. These indictments followed an investigation by members of the Portland Police Bureau, The District Attorney's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Bengé was lodged at the Justice Center Jail with bail set at \$227,500. The investigation began about six weeks ago after a citizen contacted the Portland Police Bureau with information about possible criminal conduct by a Portland Police officer. Portland Police detectives and Drug and Vice Division officers, assisted by the District Attorney's Office and the Portland F.B.I. office, conducted an extensive investigation which centered on allegations that Bengé was involved, with two citizens, in the distribution of

marijuana he seized in connection with his duties while on duty as a uniform patrol officer. During the investigation, extensive surveillance was conducted, and investigators examined a large amount of police reports and audited evidence records in the course of their inquiry into the allegations. The results of that comprehensive investigation were presented to a Multnomah County Grand Jury, who returned the indictments earlier this week. The indictments allege that Bengé seized marijuana from suspects in the course of his police duties, falsified reports relating to the seizures, then kept the marijuana. Further it is alleged that Bengé and the two other citizens, Michael and Terri May, conspired to, and later did possess and distribute the marijuana. Bengé has been relieved of all police responsibilities and authority. The suspension, by law, is with pending internal disciplinary procedures.

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