

Opinion

The poverty industry

Economist Milton Friedman has described what he calls the "poverty industry," the industry that isn't well known or well understood by the layman, but it is a very important industry.

By "poverty industry," Dr. Friedman means "the well-paid civil servants who administer the federal poverty program," the well-paid consultants who study the program and the private enterprises that take advantage of them.

Many Americans fail to appreciate that the poverty programs that have surfaced since Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" have led to a new class of poverty program coordinators, directors, consultants, managers and lawyers. They operate on the trickle-down theory.

Everyone has heard the liberal charge that conservative administrations have a trickle-down economic theory whereby the lower middle class and the poor get what's left after the rich have had their share.

Guest Editorial

It is atrocious

We couldn't agree more with Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's comments regarding the verdict of Henry Kissinger's commission.

I think when a person stalks a leading citizen of this country, shoots him, three of the people surrounding him and then goes off to sea, I think it's absolutely atrocious," the secretary said on yesterday's Today show.

The poor didn't reach them. The dollars simply reached the anti-poverty agencies, the administrators, consultants and program directors.

There's something very wrong when federal programs create a new affluent class—a class that doesn't meet any real social need. This new class is an example of parasitism in our society.

Some types of public assistance always will be needed: the sick, disabled, elderly, and dependent young. However, the Congress should dismantle the federal public assistance machine now in existence and lay off the bureaucrats who operate it to their own advantage.

A move is already underway to eliminate or greatly reduce federal assistance in federal courts. The U.S. Senate is considering legislation that would limit consideration of a defendant's insanity as a defense in cases of whether a crime was committed with intent.



Agree or not New law presents four choices

By G. Van Curen
Come July 15, Kentucky law will partially compensate for the monthly rise in the cost of living. It will be a new law that Dr. Fred Jones, Jr., of Lexington, is in charge of showing the president of the United States and other persons.

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Op-Ed page

Pac Man stiff-armed . . . my study shows old age sets in with Cedar Man

The growing number of people who spend hours playing video games such as Pac Man and Space Invaders run the risk of developing "arcade arthritis," these rheumatologists have reported.

These doctors from Emory University said they studied 142 video arcade players and found that at least 65% had blisters, calluses, joint pain and swollen hands or feet. They had gone for a checkers tournament, they'd probably have found that most players there suffer from swollen hands.

"The complaints and clinical findings we found were from the repetitive action required to manipulate the game controls," he said. These gadgets are operated by joy sticks, paddles, buttons and ball controls and all games studied, except Pac Man, require a combination of action requiring both hands or two people to play.

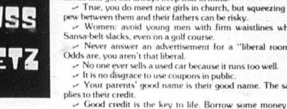
The subjects I studied, from 65 to 90 years of age, had a higher incidence of arthritis and rheumatism than you'd find in any arcade. This obviously means how great a strain whittling is on the human body. And, if you think for one minute, that showing cedar looks like the end of the world, that's not the case.

propose that every pocket knife and park bench be labeled "Caution—it has been determined by the Surgeon General of the U.S. that whittling can be dangerous to your health as well as sports cars and downtown areas after dark."

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An editor's random thoughts...

By Warren R. Fisher, Jr.
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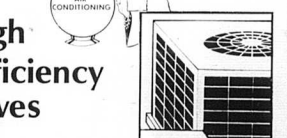
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Letters

To the Carlisle Mercury:
I'm inquiring for whereabouts of Mrs. Ruth Taylor Brooker. I would like her address, if you could furnish it. This lady was school at the time my mother was admitted to a picture in the Carlisle Mercury a year ago last May. My father, Robert Bell, sent me a copy of the 1933-1934 school year in which 20 of my classmates appeared. My great Uncle C. Victor Snapp, one special student, and all the children, including my mother, and also I would like the Mercury sent to me in one year subscription, please. You can bill me for further inquiries. Enclosed money order for \$1.00 I will pay the postage. Thank you.
P.O. Box 374, Carlisle, KY 40301
The late Veach Taylor.
Sincerely,
Eric Bell

To the Carlisle Mercury:
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