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To the Editor,

I am writing this letter to you in hopes that you can and will be of some help to me.

At present I am serving time at the Chillicothe Corr. Inst. (CCI) in Chillicothe, Ohio.

I would like to ask if you would please place a small portion of my letter in your paper for me, for correspondence.

If you would be kind enough to circulate my letter perhaps someone as lonely as I am will see it and feel compelled to respond.

My main objective is to make new friends and help combat the loneliness of prison life.

Should there be someone in the "free" world that would be willing to correspond with me, my life would be much happier and the time I'm serving would be a bit easier to do.

Loneliness know's no race, creed, age, sex or religion. I promise to answer any and all letters received.

Will someone please write?

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Thank you..

Dear Editor:

I am presently confined in prison without any contact from the "outside world." Since I have no one to correspond with I'm reaching out for new possible friends to correspond with.

I do not seek pity, but only your sincerest friendship and understanding. For to have a few friends while confined here would surely add a ray of sunshine to what has become a very dark and lonely situation.

Hopefully someone out there will read this letter and care enough to respond to it. I will answer all letters with complete sincerity.

Very Truly Yours,
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The day has come where someone has threatened him and his family. They have asked him to resign as pastor of his own church, that he built with his own sweat and blood, by someone who hasn't even been a member of the church two years yet. I just don't feel that this is fair.

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If a man empties his purse
into his head, no man can
take it away from him.
An investment in knowledge
always pays the best interest.

R for your
child's safety

Participation in sports can be a valuable experience in the growth of any young boy or girl. However, sports can be dangerous if children play without proper equipment or qualified supervision, cautions Dr. Albert H. Domm, child safety specialist and former medical director of the Prudential Insurance Co.



Dr. Albert H. Domm

"Before giving your youngster permission to play in a local league, make sure it is well organized and can provide safe facilities and equipment," says Dr. Domm. The coaches in the league must be carefully screened as well. "A coach should never be more concerned with winning than he is with the safety and enjoyment of the children," he warns. "Moreover, he should be knowledgeable about the bodily development of youngsters, so that he does not make physical demands on them that could prove harmful."

Parents should also have their family physician give the child a thorough examination to assure his fitness to participate.

List Tax Reform Proposal

I am convinced that we must take immediate and significant action in Nevada to restrain the cost of government, which in turn will reduce the burden of our taxpayers. The time has come for a major overhaul of Nevada's tax laws. We must provide immediate relief as well as reform.

For the past four years the budgets of Nevada's cities, counties and school districts -- as well as that of state government -- have increased at a rate more than twice that of our state's increase in population and inflation. This growth of government is not a result of irresponsible leadership, but rather of our unprecedented prosperity. There have been no new taxes in Nevada for the past eight years, yet revenues have mushroomed. For example, gaming revenues this past year have been nearly double what we could have expected based on the experiences of previous years. Local governments have enjoyed even greater increases in revenues.

We must put a limit on this rapid, almost out of hand, growth in the size and cost of government. The burden on the Nevada taxpayer has reached a limit. And, certainly, the situation has been allowed to go too far when senior citizens, who have put a life's work into purchasing a home, must lose that home because they can no longer afford the property taxes.

This all means one thing -- the Nevada taxpayer will carry an increasing burden, unless dramatic and immediate steps are taken to put a ceiling on spending. This, in turn, will offer the taxpayer the relief which is desperately needed.

With those two goals in mind, I offer today a major program of comprehensive tax reform.

1. First, I support the removal of the business inventory tax (Proposition 4) which will be decided by the voters in November. For the following year that will save Nevada taxpayers nearly \$1 million.

The remaining proposals will be my recommendations, if I am elected Governor, to the 1979 Nevada Legislature.

2. All personal household furnishings should be exempted from the assessed valuation of

property taxes. This would include items such as clothing, furniture, appliances and personal goods. This can be accomplished by legislative action if Proposition 4 is adopted. This action would save taxpayers approximately \$2 million annually beginning July 1, 1979.

3. State government should get out of the property tax business altogether. Therefore, I propose that the next legislature repeal the statutes under which we presently collect 25¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation for the State of Nevada. \$12 million would stay in the taxpayers' pocketbooks.

4. At the present time, property owners are paying 11¢ per \$100 assessed valuation to help finance the Medicaid Program, while the State and Federal government pick up the rest of the tab. I will propose that the legislature relieve property owners by paying this 11¢ share out of the general fund. This will represent a \$5 million per year savings to property owners.

5. I will advocate that the legislature reduce the sales tax to three percent from the present 3 1/2 per cent. This can be done by eliminating the present 1/2 per cent tax set aside for city-county relief. State general funds are available to replace this lost revenue to the cities and counties.

This 1/2¢ alone has an enormous impact on our consumers and their buying power. By this proposal, government will be putting \$25 million back in the hands of our people.

6. I believe it is morally imperative that we establish a "Property Tax Postponement" program for senior citizens and persons on total permanent disability according to a sliding scale of income levels.

This would allow those persons, on an optional basis, to defer payment of property taxes on a primary residence until such time as the ownership changes through sale or an estate settlement.

The proposal is not a giveaway program, but would simply delay payment of property taxes so that those persons eligible can remain in their homes. At the same time the local governments would receive the tax dollars from the state government. So long as that person or the surviving spouse remains

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