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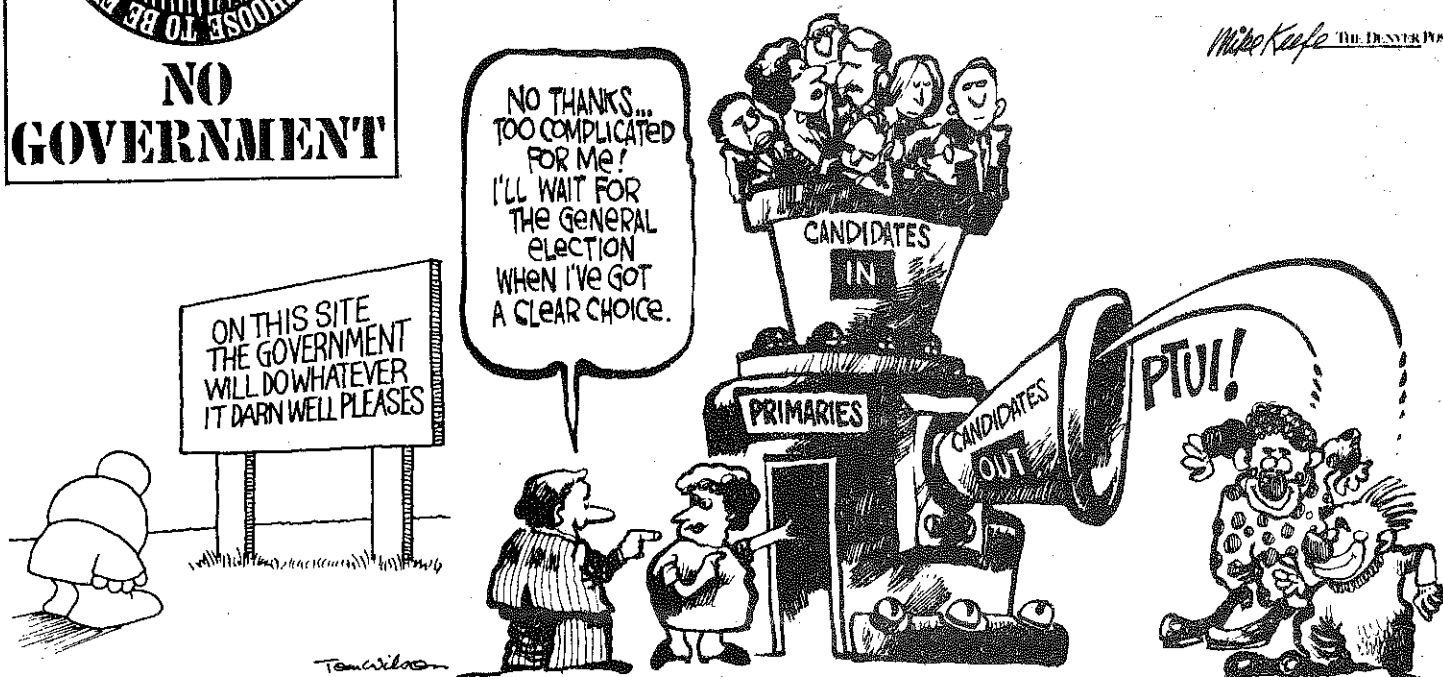


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Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST



Recognizing Partial Slavery

Robert Brakeman

Consider this historical scenario, which will hopefully prove splendidly illuminating in making a point which needs to be made: it is 1865 in America, the Civil War is ending, and it has become obvious that the Congress is going to take strong action against chattel slavery. Now, suppose that instead of doing what they actually did (abolish that institution totally), they said to each slave the following: "Henceforward and forever, you are 60% free. That is, you will continue to give 40% of your working hours to your master, and you will have the remaining 60% for your own benefit. With regard to his 40%, the master will continue, as in the past, to determine (A) what you will do during that time, (B) the conditions under which you will do it, and (C) what benefits, if any, he will provide you for that work. What you do with your 60% is up to you."

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## Libertarian candidate wants to join debates

Associated Press

Libertarian Party candidate Bill Griffin, who announced this weekend that he's running for governor, wants to participate in the debates between candidates Carroll Campbell and Mike Daniel.

Griffin asked the League of Women Voters and WIS-TV in Columbia to allow him to join U.S. Rep. Campbell, the Republican Party nominee, and Lt. Gov. Daniel, the Democratic candidate, in the debates the group and station are planning.

Griffin, of West Columbia, ran unsuccessfully for the General Assembly two years ago.

State Libertarian Chairman John B. Heaton of Aiken said, "The Libertarian Party is on the ballot in South Carolina and has been so for seven

years, and as such our candidates would like to participate in the electoral system to the fullest extent."

Heaton sent a letter to WIS formally requesting that Griffin be included among the candidates in the station's debate.

"Allowing us to an opportunity to respond to the comments made by the representatives of the two older parties would show the people of the state of South Carolina that there is an alternative to the status quo," Heaton said.

Scott Parks, news director of WIS-TV, said Saturday he had not seen Heaton's letter.

"The management of WIS would have to think through whether it would serve the public interest to include a minor third party candidate in the debate," Parks said.

"We also would have to review the requirement of the Federal Communications Commission regulations to see what impact that might have on our decision."

Parks said station officials have tentatively scheduled a one-hour debate Tuesday, Oct. 14 — three weeks before the general election.

Officials of the League of Women Voters could not be reached for comment Saturday.

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## Out On A Limb With Tree House

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LAKESIDE PARK, Ky. — The strict zoning laws that keep this Cincinnati suburb attractive and well-maintained apparently will claim 13-year-old Jeffrey Kisor's tree house.

The city council decided 3-2 last week that it would have to come down.

"For a long, long time, the City of Lakeside Park has not permitted detached buildings," Mayor Henry Mann said. "The people felt the city would be more attractive if we didn't have a lot of buildings standing around in unsightly condition."

Jeffrey, sitting in his tree house on a hot afternoon with his legs

hanging over, said: "I think the city is weird to say you have to get rid of it. It's your own yard and your own tree, too."

By tree house standards, the one Jeffrey and his father, Grover, built last fall is sturdy and respectable. They attached it to a large wild cherry tree and sank wooden beams into the ground for support.

It has 42 square feet of space, including a porch, and even has an attached milk-crate pulley system for deliveries. Sometimes Jeffrey takes a radio there to play rock music, sometimes he invites friends over and sometimes he imagines he is Rambo under siege.

Mostly, he said, he uses it "to have fun."

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**MARKETING 'HOMEMADE' FOOD IS ILLEGAL:** The Laboratory Division of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture has advised the incidence of "homemade" foods offered for sale has increased substantially at farmers markets. Items sold without the required labeling include canned foods, honey, baked goods and syrup. Under the law, individuals offering misbranded foods for sale may be prosecuted for economic fraud.

South Carolina's Food and Cosmetic Act of 1972 defines an individual, group or organization that manufactures a food product for sale (excluding food-service preparation), or offers it for sale, to be a commercial food processor. Consequently, any individual wishing to sell a "homemade" food item will be legally considered a commercial food processor and the finished marketed product must comply with all the appropriate food regulations which, among many things, include proper labeling on the package and being manufactured in an approved facility. A private home kitchen will not meet the regulatory criteria for a commercial food processing facility.



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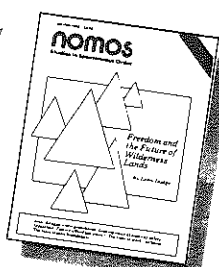
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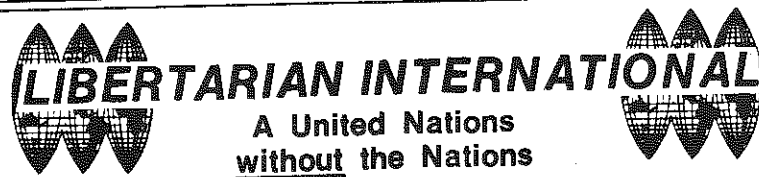
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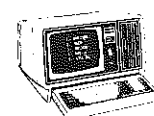
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## Adams appeals to county leaders to join fight for taxation powers

By Bill Robinson  
Record staff writer

**HILTON HEAD** — South Carolina's county government officials today were urged to join the fight in lobbying for passage of legislation that would grant unprecedented new taxation powers to local governments.

Columbia Mayor T. Patton Adams made the appeal in a speech he delivered this morning to the Association of Counties' 19th annual meeting.

Adams called on county government leaders to become part of a "task force to represent our mutual interests" — namely finding new sources of revenue for local governments.

Adams spoke to the government leaders as the newly elected president of the state's municipal association, which has chosen the Local Government Finance Act as a top legislative priority in 1987.

The finance act's supporters are calling it one of the most important pieces of legislation the General Assembly will be asked to consider when it convenes in January.

A similar measure that failed to win the legislature's support this year called for granting city and county governments the authority to levy:

- A countywide local sales tax;
- A local income tax;
- A local payroll tax;
- A motor vehicle license tax;
- A tax on coin-operated machines; and
- An admissions tax.

Local governments would have had the option of choosing one or a combination of taxing authorities under the proposal. Researchers estimated all six options combined could produce in excess of \$400 million in revenue.

The bill's chief sponsor is Speaker-elect Robert Sheheen, D-Kershaw. He is expected to make it a focus of attention in the 1987 session.

"The reform of the local government finance situation must be a high priority in South Carolina," Adams said.

"So long as local governments in this state are dependent upon the property tax as the basic source of revenue, growing areas will be caught in a squeeze."

Adams warned of the alternatives

in the wake of substantial cuts in federal aid with which the state has had to deal during the Reagan administration.

"Local governments will be able to meet the growing demands for services only with (property) millage increases and they are apt to encounter considerable political resistance to such increases," he said.

The local government finance act, in Adams' view, would give local governments "an extensive menu" from which they could "pick and choose those (revenue-raising measures) which best fit local needs."

The measure "has the potential of allowing local governments in South Carolina to move away from their dependency on the property tax as their main source of revenue," he said.

Adams said the state's municipal association needs the Association of Counties' support if the bill is to have a chance of passing the legislature. He remind listeners of the successes unified lobbying efforts produced to win passage of the Education Improvement Act and the Accommodations tax, both measures that are now providing additional revenue for county governments.



Columbia Mayor T. Patton Adams  
Urges group to support tax measure

Local governments must enlist the help of the state's corporate and business communities as well as individual taxpayers, Adams told the gathering.

The Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce recently indicated it supports the goals of the tax reform measure. The state Chamber of Commerce is also supportive of the measure.

## 'Mooning' Bill Is Proposed

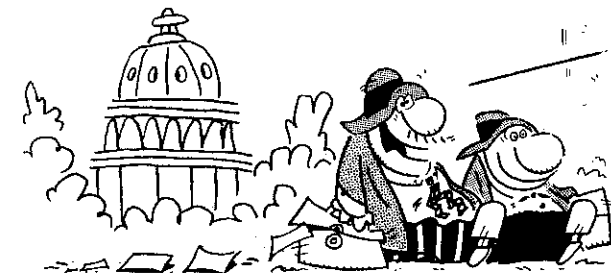
**BOSTON (AP)** — Here's the bottom line: exposing your posterior could soon be against the law in Massachusetts.

Laws now on the books talk about "lewd, wanton and lascivious persons" and "crimes against chastity, morality, decency and good order." They don't mention buttocks, which has become bothersome.

State Rep. Marie Parente is sponsoring a bill that would make "mooning" illegal, after a mother complained that a neighbor had exposed his bare bottom to her 10-year-old daughter through a window.

The man was arrested, but a district court judge dismissed the case because the state's indecent exposure law does not address the derriere. The legal definition of nudity refers only to adult genitals and female breasts.

"No ifs, ands, or butts," wisecracked state Sen. George Bacrach.



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## Going by the book

THAT old excuse "Your cheque is in the post" has been overtaken by a new one: "Your cheque-book is in the post." It comes from Midland Bank, usually accompanied by that other old chestnut, "The computer has broken down."

The computer in question is supposed to send out new cheque-books automatically. When mine failed to arrive, I asked whether I could go back to the old system of applying for a cheque-book. I was told I couldn't. Another example of progress whether we like it or not.

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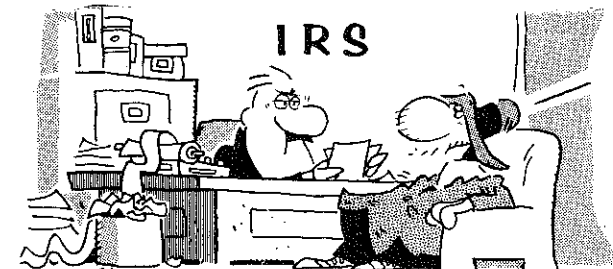
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## RECOGNIZING PARTIAL SLAVERY, continued

Now, the point of that little historical excursion is this: If Congress had passed a thirteenth amendment which read that way (fancied up in that cute way lawyers have of perverting the English language, of course) instead of the way it really does read, everyone in the nation from second-grader to President Andrew Johnson would have recognized one fact if he recognized nothing else all life long---those black people were still 40% enslaved. No clever talk about emancipation or the supposed "benefits" of the new arrangement or how things could be (and used to be) worse or how it would be "Utopian" to insist upon full freedom or the supposed boost to the "general welfare" (or the "public welfare") would becloud for one second the only important datum in the situation: those people were still going to be 40%-enslaved.

Holding that scenario in the back of your mind, consider another one. It is now 1910 in America. At the federal level the degree of governmental interference in the private lives of the citizenry is trivial. At the state level it has grown somewhat over the past decade, but it's still quite minor. Then in the off-year elections of '10, statist democrats take control of the house and begin to push for, naturally, statist programs. In '12 they take over the Senate and the Presidency and really go to work. The growth of government control over private lives slows a little during the 20's, but it fires up again beginning in '33, and from that point on it is a juggernaut with unstoppable speed. By the 1970's, the control over private lives which hack politicians (forgive the redundancy) exercise would be truly shocking to men and women of '10. If freedom could be perfectly quantified, it would be the case that something like 5% of private actions and private resources were controlled by our "master" (the government at all levels) in 1910; by the 70's it was certainly above 40%--- as measured by either one of the two key criteria: The percentage of citizen-income expropriated by the government for uses it deems advisable (taxes) and the control over non-coercive citizen activities (those things which politicians choose to call crimes which aren't--- meaning everything they label a "crime" which doesn't involve force or fraud directed against another person). Counting all open and hidden taxes, the "average" American now pays around 42% of his or her income in taxes. The direct-regulation-of-behavior realm is harder to quantify, but if one includes the strangulating regulation of every kind of economic activity, and the drug laws, and the sex laws, and laws restricting speech ("sedition" and "pornography") and a miscellany including everything from mandates on interracial relations to foreign travel to zoning

regulations to seatbelt-and-helmet laws to compulsory-schooling (I would never use the word "education" here) laws to need to get a permit to do everything from add an addition to one's home to open a legitimate business, then it seems clear that the direct-regulation quotient would be in the 40 - 50% range as well. Just as Americans are now working close to half of their lives for the state and the statist, so they're also having something like half of their lives regulated by that state, entirely apart from the amount of their resources seized through taxation.

I won't insist, because I can't logically do so, upon any particular aggregate "slavery-percentage," but I do insist upon this fact: Americans today are in a situation identical to that which 1865-slaves would have suffered if they had been 60%-freed (give or take a percentage point or two). The question is, why would their 40%-slavery have been so universally recognized as that, while ours isn't?

The reason is the direction from which partial slavery is approached. If in '65 40%-slavery had been suggested as governmental policy, public opinion would not have stood for it, because after many years of complete slavery for a certain group of people, the public mind was used to thinking about slavery, used to considering its pros (if there were any) and cons, and used to recognizing it for what it was. With their minds sharp on the subject of bondage, they had no trouble (rather, they would have had no trouble) recognizing partial slavery when they saw it. But in our time, we've approached partial slavery from the opposite direction. Rather than going to partial bondage from a starting point of total bondage, we've gone to it from a starting point of nearly perfect freedom. Our minds have been conditioned to think of freedom as the only condition possible in America, and this mind-set has made it very difficult to recognize partial slavery when it came along. Our habits of thought are more powerful than our perception of reality, so we hardly even notice that we're 40-50% the state - masters property, just as surely as the '65-blacks would have been.

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# Legalize drugs and reduce crime

By William F. Buckley Jr.

The mailbag continues heavy since I wrote that circumstances argue the legalization of drugs combined with massive public education. Rep. Charles Rangel of New York entered my last column into *The Congressional Record*, introducing it with a few paragraphs about the extent to which he opposes drugs; and then passed along the package with a covering letter urging me to rethink my conclusion in the matter. He writes: "My Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control has held many hearings on the subject of drug abuse and ways to control it. I assure you, our findings clearly show that legalization is not the solution you seek..." But neither in his letter nor in his speech on the floor does Congressman Rangel tell us what his committee has accomplished.

I don't know when the first of Mr. Rangel's meetings was held, but I wager with confidence that between then and now, a) drug consumption has increased, b) drug-related crime has increased, and c) the price of drugs has come down. When the price of illegal drugs comes down, the market is telling you something as plainspoken as the oscillations in the price of an airplane ticket: competition is setting the price. When there is a reduction in the price of street drugs, this means that our massive efforts to keep drugs out of the country are failing. When, a few years ago, we had all that telegenic chemical destruction of the marijuana crop in Mexico, the marijuana crop in Colombia promptly increased, pari passu. It's like wage and price controls.

Not all my correspondents are in Congress. One sits in Sing Sing, and he writes with that declarative vigor that cuts through much obfuscation. I quote him exactly:

"You are 100 percent correct and the people who wrote to you saying that you are wrong about legalizing drugs have no conception of what is going on in this country because of drugs."

"— 85 percent of the New York prison population is black or Hispanic."

"— 75 percent of the entire population in New York prisons and probably the whole country, are in because of drugs or drug-related."

"— The local junkie must steal every day of the week, in order to keep up his or her habit, they must steal \$1,000 a day or more, in order to get \$100 or \$150."

"— Every junkie helps young people to start using junk, or pills, or mary-jane, or something to get them started, and the business escalates with new customer every day."

"— Marijuana is no different than alcohol. Excessive Use will drive you crazy or kill you."

"— Cocaine is not addictive, rich man's toy."

"— All pills are dangerous."

"— Heroin is a killer and addictive."

"— The price and profit of dope

IN the days of wine and Four Roses Bourbon, I shared a non-political platform with George Brown. And with considerable Dutch courage I asked him afterwards if one particularly outrageous tale of his behaviour while Foreign Secretary was true.

George, who died last week, mumbled a curious reply: "Time will tell."

The story was this. George was attending a reception in South America, the band struck up and he approached the nearest guest in a skirt to ask for a dance.

"Beautiful lady in purple", the Foreign Secretary cooed. "Will you honour me and be my partner for this tango?"

The reply was fierce: "I will not sir, for three reasons. First, you are drunk. Second, this is not the tango it is the Peruvian national anthem. Third, I am not a beautiful lady in purple. I am the Papal Nuncio."

Did it really happen? Well Lord George Brown never did tell. And time ran out last Sunday.



BROWN: Time ran out...

## Order, order

AUSTRALIAN MPs may call each other rats and sheep, but not grubs and dingoes. Bermuda similarly bans termites and India cobras.

These are some of the unparliamentary terms of endearment cited by Paul Silk, a senior clerk in the Commons, writing in *The House Magazine*.

Westminster shuns jackasses, swine, stool-pigeons, rats, pups, dogs, guttersnipe, murderers, hooligans, ruffians and Pharisees.

But it is sad to learn that a New Zealand MP was out of order in declaring that a colleague's brains "could revolve inside a peanut shell for a thousand years without touching the sides."

In South America, Silk reminds us, they do things differently. A legislator of an unnamed country who called another a cabron was shot dead by his victim, "to applause from the rest of the chamber."

is so high that honest people go into the business, who would never commit a crime, they take the place of those who get caught.

"— They say it takes \$100,000 to build one cell."

"— They say it takes \$40,000 to house one inmate (for one year)."

"— If you legalize all the drugs, the prisons would be almost empty, crime would be reduced by 75 percent. Marijuana would be sold and taxed by the government, it would produce millions of dollars, to be used constructively."

"— As you know all this, supply and demand would kill the drug trade."

One needn't accept all the asseverations of the anonymous prisoner. But the ring of truth is there. The largest psychological obstacle remains the public notion that to legalize drugs is to pronounce benediction on them.

This isn't an entirely benighted

idea. About a generation ago, Inland Revenue collectors in London decided the time had come to tax the whores, and so estimates were made out of their income, and tax bills were sent out. These included forms, and under "profession," the disconsolate girls would put down such things as "hostess," or "companion," or "nurse." One girl wrote down carefully, "prostitute." A few weeks later her check was returned. His Majesty's government was not going to participate in the wages of sin.

Something of that attitude carries over into the notion of a tax on drugs. But the paradox is as easily penetrated as the proposition that because we permit the publication of *Hustler* magazine, we approve of reading that vile journal — which, by the way, we unblushingly tax. We are overdue for hard thought on this pained and divisive subject.

Buckley is editor of *National Review*.

## Search for lost chords

By ROD CHAYTOR

A RAIDER who stole 536 organ pipes from a church was being sought by police last night.

Detectives, called to St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch, Warwicks, think that the thief may be building his own organ at home.

The vicar, Canon Percy Moffat, said: "The pipes were not taken for scrap because more valuable ones were left behind. We can still play hymns and psalms but the more sophisticated pieces of music are now impossible."



### We Let "Them" Govern Us

I was not asked who I thought "They" this as the way it has to be. "We" will were in last week's GOOD TIMES, so, fight their oppression and demystify their "truths" as long as it is necessary here is my opinion.

"They" are the ones that "we" let to. "They" will no longer be able to govern our lives. "They" levy taxes, perpetuate their suicidal aspirations own the media, and pollute our when "we" cease to grant them the environment. "They" also give well-legitimacy to do so. fare to the rich, declare war, and then wrap themselves in nationalistic paranoia to justify it. "They" will only

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## What Will History Say About Us?

What will history record about my generation, those of us born in the post-World War II baby boom?

Will we be remembered as the generation that finally eliminated what was left of individual liberty in the United States? Will we assume the attitude of the majority of our parents and grandparents and apathetically follow a parasitic government down the road to economic destruction and slavery? Will we allow our government to continue to give money and technology to countries philosophically committed

to the ultimate elimination of individual liberty? Will we continue to demand that government decide what is "best" for us?

Individuals, not governments, discovered this great land. Individuals pioneered the development of this country. Many suffered, many died. But their burning desire for freedom carried them forward and gave them strength. Their inherent fear of government tyranny helped them design a system of government with limited and defined powers. Unfortunately, those powers have been severely amended and abused.

Hopefully, we, as thinking people, have the courage to defy the

tyranny of government in all its sordid forms. Each and every act of government must be scrutinized. The evolution of a government of, by, and for the people into a special interest-serving bureaucracy must be stopped.

It is our duty and our responsibility to future generations to use what little real freedom we have left to rekindle the fires of individual liberty before it is too late. We have the opportunity to effect great changes. Each of us has a vitally important role. Each of us must decide between freedom or tyranny. There is no middle ground!

Hal Fenters, Florence

October, 1986

## Victim is sent 2p cheque!

RAID victim Donald Johnson has been sent a compensation cheque for 2p.

Court officers in Wigan posted the money on to the 47-year-old businessman whose shop was damaged in a break-in.

Several youths are paying off a £6 compensation order but Mr Johnson said: "It would make more sense to wait for all the money to be collected."

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## House bill funds drug war, IRS battle against cheaters

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The war on tax cheaters and drug smugglers got a shot in the arm — nearly \$1 billion more than President Reagan sought — with House passage of 1987 Treasury Department and Postal Service appropriations bill.

But the bill would ban federal health plan payments for abortions for women in the federal work force unless the woman's life were threatened by carrying her fetus to term.

Under the measure, which now goes to the Senate, the Internal Revenue Service would get more employees to process tax returns and the Customs Service would get more agents to help fight drug smuggling.

The House passed, 302-118, the \$13.7 billion fiscal 1987 appropriation bill Wednesday for the Treasury Department and Postal Service — a bill that is \$937 million more than the administration requested and \$751 million over current year funding.

The bill includes \$150 million more than the administration requested to help the IRS process returns and do more audits. It also includes \$142.8 million more than the administration wanted for various law enforcement agencies, such as Customs, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Secret Service.

The Customs portion of the additional funds will be used in that agency's fight against drugs. In addition, \$3 million was transferred from the office of the Treasury to the Coast Guard to help that agency combat drug smuggling.

The House rejected an attempt to eliminate the \$955,400 budgeted to pay office and staff expenses for former presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter. The cut does not affect their Secret Service protection, pensions or presidential libraries.

Sponsor Andy Jacobs, D-Ind., called the office and staff accounts a "slush fund for former presidents."

Instead, the House adopted an amendment cutting former presidents' staff and office funds by \$58,000.

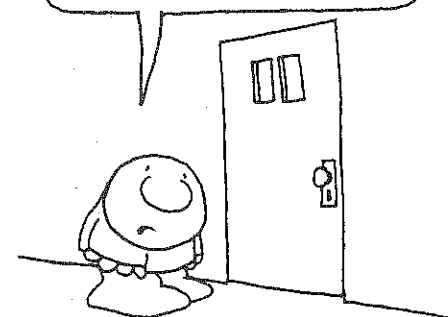
The House, voting 269-151, also adopted an amendment by Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., slashing 9.75 percent, or \$143 million, from the bill's discretionary spending accounts. But the IRS, the Customs Service and other agencies with many of the larger discretionary spending accounts were exempted.

The bill also would eliminate the Office of Management and Budget's office of information and regulatory affairs, which lawmakers said had exceeded its authority.

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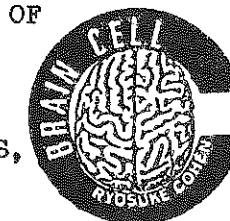
Tom Wilson

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — When a man plunked down a citizen's band radio on the counter and asked what it was worth, pawn shop employee Ron Zollinger had a pretty good idea — he'd already bought it once.

Anthony Smiley walked into Jessup's pawn shop recently and tried to sell the radio, which he noted was in fine shape and had a built-in AM-FM receiver, according to Zollinger and police.

Zollinger, a loan appraiser for Jessup's, recognized the radio and asked the clerk to stall Smiley while he went and checked his van across the street.

Sure enough, his CB radio was missing. Smiley fled on foot when he saw Zollinger go to the van, police said, but was spotted immediately by a police officer and arrested.



For their \$200,000 investment, the Libyans received two cases of Billy Beer, a free grease-and-oil change, and dinner for two at the I'll Never Lie to You Diner in Plains, Ga.

—Mark Russell

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"That was the only help she received," her solicitor, Mr. Peter Bell, told the court in Leeds after Karen admitted dishonestly using electricity by reconnecting the meter.

She was given a conditional discharge.

The magistrates were told that Karen's husband John has now returned home and is looking for a job.

A spokesman for the DHSS at Leeds said yesterday: "When all efforts have failed to find a way of paying an electricity bill, we have a duty to provide an alternative source of power."

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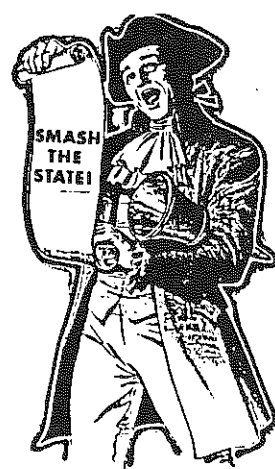
He said: "It is literally pouring money down the toilet."

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## Police HQ bugging row

THE Police Federation has protested to Greater Manchester's Deputy Chief Constable John Stalker about the alleged random bugging of phone calls at the force's headquarters.

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Licensing chiefs in Birmingham said some landlords had let kissogram girls fondle customers and offer "other services." They said it could bring charges of running a disorderly house.

Taking flowers to the cemetery is often a great comfort to people who have lost a loved one.

But bereaved relatives in Honiton, Devon, have been told they must pay a "Monument fee" of £9.50p if they want to continue placing flowers on the graves.

A family living on unemployment pay is among those warned by churchwardens that the burial plots will be stripped of "illegal" blooms unless they come up with the cash.

Presumably such drastic and despicable action will be delayed while those same churchwardens attend Easter services to celebrate the true meaning of Christianity and brotherly love.

# Astronomical

## Libertarian fighting long odds

By JERRY ADAMS  
State Staff Writer

His last time out, William Griffin got 148 votes. That came in the 1984 race for the House District 88 seat in Lexington County, and Griffin finished about 4,800 votes behind incumbent Republican Rep. Lenoir Sturkie and about 2,500 votes behind Democrat Hal Jordan.

Griffin, a Libertarian from South Congaree, is aiming higher this year — hoping to make a respectable showing in the contest for governor and hoping to expand an organization that is, at best, a minor political party in South Carolina.

"I realize the odds of winning are pretty astronomical, but South Carolina's one state that's done some screwy things," he said in an interview Thursday. "Anything's possible. I'm planning more advertising before the election, and hopefully, I'll pick up a following."

"I know I've made a few converts. I hope I make enough to make a good showing and maybe scare somebody to death."

Griffin, a 39-year-old computer technician and supervisor at Carolina Eastman, is vice chairman of the S.C. Libertarian Party and the party's pick to run for governor against Republican U.S. Rep. Carroll A. Campbell, Democratic Lt. Gov. Mike Daniel and American Party candidate Millard E. Smith.

Griffin and Smith are destined to fight it out for a distant third-place finish, but that doesn't bother Griffin. He's expecting it.

Daniel and Campbell will each spend upwards of \$2 million trying to convince the electorate that he's the man who should be the next governor. Griffin is planning to spend upwards of \$2,000.

He just wants to spread the Libertarian word that there are new and better ways of doing things — like cutting taxes and saving money — and that neither Daniel nor Campbell has addressed those problems.

But he said he had been hurt politically by being excluded from the Campbell-Daniel television debates and by being excluded from the public opinion polls being conducted by various campaigns, political firms, and news organizations. He said he also was disappointed that no one asks his opinion when Campbell and Daniel start differing on issues.

The League of Women Voters decided not to include Griffin in its gubernatorial debate, and he said that was a violation of Internal Revenue Service guidelines required for non-profit tax status.

"That's not fair. They're supposed to be playing by the rules, and they're not," he said.

And, as a Libertarian, Griffin has rejected the notion of a formal protest or a possible court challenge: "I don't think a government agency should step in."

Griffin was born in Columbia, raised and educated in Florence, and worked in pest control before starting a career in computers.

He said he had voted Republican sometimes, Democrat sometimes and independent sometimes. He first learned of the Libertarian Party during the 1980 presidential race when he saw Ed Clark for President television ads.

Soon after that, he happened upon a S.C. Libertarian Party booth at the State Fair, picked up some literature and was hooked. "I read some of it and liked what I read. I said: 'This is what I've been all my life, and I didn't know the name of it.'"

The Libertarian Party platform says that "liberty is essential to human happiness, progress, survival and creativity" and that force should only be used in the defense of life, liberty and property, with organized force being voluntary and limited to the protection of life, liberty and property.

Libertarians say that people are responsible for themselves, that nobody can use physical force or fraud against anyone else, that people can choose their own

lifestyle as long as they don't impose their values on others and that the free market system is essential to socio-economic success.

"We hold that the only moral and practical purpose of government is to preserve and protect individual rights," the platform says.

Griffin's one-story brick home reflects that creed. A sticker on his door warns that he has a gun, that he won't hesitate to use it if his life, liberty or property are threatened and that there's nothing inside an intruder should risk his life over.

He said he didn't intend to run for governor this year, but decided to after following the political dialogue during the Democratic primary and after listening to what the Republicans were saying. His only potential Libertarian opponent decided not to run, and Griffin was nominated by the party convention in August.

Campbell and Daniel helped make his decision. "Neither one of them had anything to say about reducing taxes," he said. "I want to emphasize that it needs to be done."

Griffin wants to repeal all property taxes and the first step to doing that is to get rid of the taxes on all old boats and cars and stop counties from sending out tax notices when the tax to be collected is less than \$10. He said it was ridiculous that Lexington County sent him tax notices on each of his four old boats, which were valued at less than \$500 total and were taxed at less than \$5.

"It cost more than that to send the bills out," he said. "That's a waste of money. If a bill is less than \$10, just drop it. That's a start toward saving some money and reducing taxes."

Griffin also advocates a voucher system for education to help get around the bureaucracy he says eats up as much as 80 percent of the tax money going to education. For example, he said the national average for per-student spending in public schools is \$4,500 per year compared with \$1,000 per year in private schools.

"The whole difference is in bureaucratic and administrative costs," he said.

Griffin also contends that the 25 percent sales tax increase to fund the Education Improvement Act wastes millions of dollars and attempts to transfer responsibility for raising children from parents to the state.

"Our children are our future," he said in the October issue of the *Sandhills Libertarian Gazette*. "If we allow the state to mold them into clones of 'Happy Days' television characters, we will lose the creative individual spirit which made America great."

"The EIA must be repealed before it destroys any more South Carolina families."

Griffin also opposes government censorship and laws designed to "criminalize sexually-explicit material about adults. I am also for the repeal of all laws regulating private sexual behavior between consenting adults."

He supports the idea of a state run lottery with the proceeds reducing property taxes, but said he doesn't know the mechanics of how that would work. He would insist that the money be kept separate from other state revenues so the Legislature wouldn't be able to "blow that" along with everything else.

He's optimistic that some of the party's message is getting through, even though the Libertarian candidates seem to be making little headway at the polls.

Griffin said the Democrats were closer to the Libertarians on some issues and the Republicans were closer on others, with the GOP getting the edge on popular issues like fiscal conservatism and the Democrats coming closer on many of the less popular issues.

He sees both sides on one recent issue dominating the governor's race recently — drug tests.

He credits Campbell with openness on drug testing, saying he admires him for voluntarily taking the test and hopes that the test wasn't just a political ploy.

Griffin also gives Daniel credit for courage and sticking to principles for his refusal to be tested and saying he's not doing drugs and doesn't have to take a test to prove that to anybody.

But, even though Griffin is the Libertarian candidate for governor, he said nobody called to ask his opinion on the drug question or about much else for that matter. He's philosophical about that.

"Some of the things we're saying are going to have a real effect on your future," he said. "It's a lot of fun, and I get to meet a lot of people."



Griffin



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