

The Reagan Administration has ordered the Department of Energy *not* to publicize its toll-free telephone service, which provides consumers with information about conservation and renewable energy. (The secret number, set up at a cost of about \$1 million, is 1-800-523-2929.)

—The Progressive

The city council of Santa Maria, California, has agreed to ban discussion of local political issues at its meetings.

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"How many times do I have to explain, Henderson? There are good guys and there are bad guys and no matter how it looks, we're still the good guys!"

Topless barmaids' rights trampled by Powell

Sheriff Frank Powell is at it again. Apparently he is not satisfied to trample on the rights of video store owners. Now he is trying to harass topless barmaids. Remember, this is the same sheriff whose deputies arrested Tom Mosely for the terrible "crime" of opening his clothing store on Sunday.

Powell has done a good job fighting violent crime in Richland County, and that's where he should continue putting all his time and effort. I deeply resent it when he wastes our tax money going off on other tangents. It seems that he first decides what type of behavior he likes, and then he says that *everybody* should behave that way or go to jail.

I have never been to a topless bar, and I never intend to go to one. But persons who do not violate the rights of others should be left alone. As offensive as certain lifestyles may be, all adults have the right to live peacefully without interference as long as they do not impose their values on others by force.

Aside from a few reasonable individuals, the Libertarian Party and the American Civil Liberties Union seem to be alone in defending the rights of adults to buy and read whatever they wish and to lead whatever lifestyles they prefer, as long as they do not harass others. Is this the United States we live in, or is it becoming a totalitarian state like the Soviet Union?

the grace of a hippopotamus

DALLAS — The following events took place here in mid-July:

Monday night — The mayor of Dallas, Jack Evans, gives a speech at a meeting of the Dallas Gay Alliance (DGA), becoming the first Dallas mayor to address a lesbian and gay group. He tells the group of about 500 that he "has no problem" with hiring gay police officers and fire fighters.

Tuesday — The Dallas *Times Herald* and the Dallas *Morning News* publish stories about the meeting, with photos.

Wednesday — The Dallas Police Association (DPA) condemns the mayor's statements about hiring. "You just can't condone a violation of the law and be a law enforcement officer," says the DPA president.

Thursday — The *Morning News* comments in an editorial that Evans' appearance at the meeting was "an unappealing compromise, to say the least," and accuses the mayor of "choosing trendy politics over support of the law and traditional morality."

Friday — Evans tells a reporter that he didn't realize that the group he was going to address was gay, and that he thought it was a "town meeting." The city councilmember who accompanied Evans to the meeting, however, says that addressing the DGA was the mayor's idea in the first place.

Evans says, "This city's not ready for the mayor of Dallas to speak to the Dallas Gay Alliance."

Saturday — The *Times Herald* editorializes, "We thought that Mr. Evans exhibited courage . . . in agreeing to address the group," but that the mayor "has been backtracking with the speed of a gazelle and the grace of a hippopotamus."

enters race for governor

Associated Press

William "Bill" Griffin joined the gubernatorial sweepstakes Saturday as a Libertarian Party candidate and immediately asked to participate in two debates involving the Republican and Democratic hopefuls.

The West Columbia resident, who ran unsuccessfully for the General Assembly two years ago, asked the League of Women Voters and WIS-TV in Columbia to allow him to take part in their gubernatorial debates involving Republican Congressman Carroll Campbell and Democratic Lt. Gov. Mike Daniel.

"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," said state Libertarian Chairman John B. Heaton of Aiken.

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 he had not seen Heaton's letter.

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Voters may need a November score card to recognize third-party election entries

By Dawn Hinshaw
Record staff writer

After Tuesday's primary, it will be common knowledge who the candidates are in the November general election, right?

Not necessarily. Candidates who are members of the Libertarian, Independent, American and United Citizens parties — all of which nominate by convention rather than primary — can offer candidates for public office in South Carolina as late as Sept. 1.

Officials with at least two of those parties say their slates may not yet be complete, and they may nominate more candidates when their state conventions reconvene in August.

For a political party to be certified, state law requires that it must collect petitions signed by 10,000 voters. To nominate and put candidates on the ballot, the party must organize on the precinct level and hold county and state conventions.

Although a cursory review of election results since 1970 indicates no third-party candidate has come close to winning state office, the Libertarians in particular have been active each election year.

The greatest number of votes ever cast for a Libertarian candidate seeking state office occurred in 1982, when 42,097 of the 559,909 people who voted in the secretary of state's race chose the Libertarian candidate.

So what motivates them to run? "Somebody has to try to do something," Bill Griffin, vice chairman of the Libertarian Party, said in a recent interview. "At the very least, I think we're having a moderating influence."

"In Southern politics, two issues that have been long on the political agenda have been race and, I think currently, 'economics,'" said Dr. Blease Graham, an associate professor of government at the University of South Carolina.

Waiting period is without any logic

I am a sports fan who subscribes to the libertarian philosophy that less government is better government. I would like to present and defend my objections to requiring a waiting period before purchase of a handgun.

I would have to pay for my gun, then return seven days later to pick it up. I estimate the cost to me for my time and mileage at \$50.

SLED currently requires three to six weeks to process gun paperwork. How will a seven-day wait help without extra personnel? This extra help will cost me more in taxes. It could be better used to investigate robberies and murders.

This bill only affects handguns but is supposed to stop crimes of passion. If a person is crazy or mad enough to want to kill, he will buy a shotgun or rifle or other weapon instead of waiting seven days. It seems obvious to me that the supporters of this bill either cannot

Dormant parties in danger of losing state certification

By Dawn Hinshaw
Record staff writer

A law designed as a "housekeeping" measure would decertify inactive political parties in South Carolina, but a former activist with a black-oriented party is disturbed by the measure.

Six parties are now certified to offer candidates in the state, and state law does not provide for decertification.

A law now under review by the U.S. Justice Department would decertify political parties that are inactive over a four-year period.

Rep. Bob Sheheen, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said the bill was designed to fill a "vacancy" in the law.

"No particular ax to grind," he said. "It was just a clean-up provision. Housekeeping."

Certification of a party requires petitions containing signatures of 10,000 registered voters. The party is required to hold precinct meetings and county and state conventions to nominate candidates.

James B. Ellis, executive director of the state Election Commission, said the agency advocated the bill because inactive parties clutter up the system.

"It's a hollow bill that should be stronger than it is," he added, suggesting that it should stipulate how many precinct meetings around the state are required.

"They can have a state convention, theoretically, if they organize one county and one precinct," he said. "I don't think that two or three people ought to have the same right to nominate for office as two or three thousand do."

think logically or have another goal in mind for the future (eventual confiscation of guns).

WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN
West Columbia



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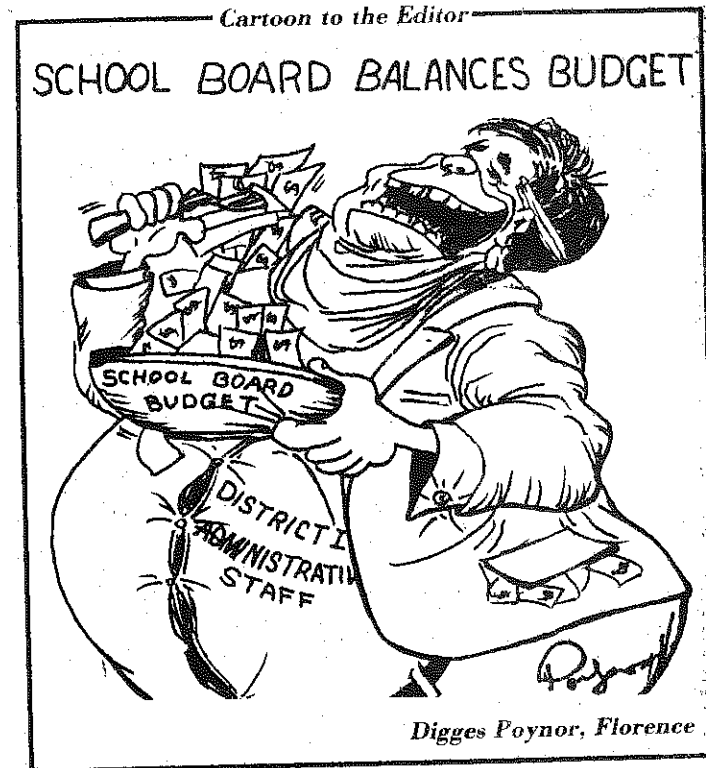
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If cities and counties need more money, all they have to do is to go out and look around them.

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All that the city or county needs to do for lots of money is to collect all the fines due to them for each one of these illegally posted signs from the campaign committee of the candidate. Tens of thousands of illegally posted signs can bring in hundred of thousands of dollars to the local government.

And this is not all; they'll get another crack at this in November.

JOHN T. HARLLEE

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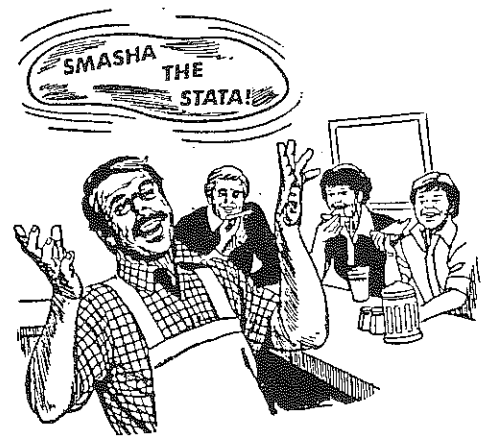
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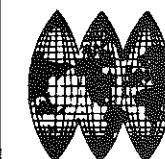
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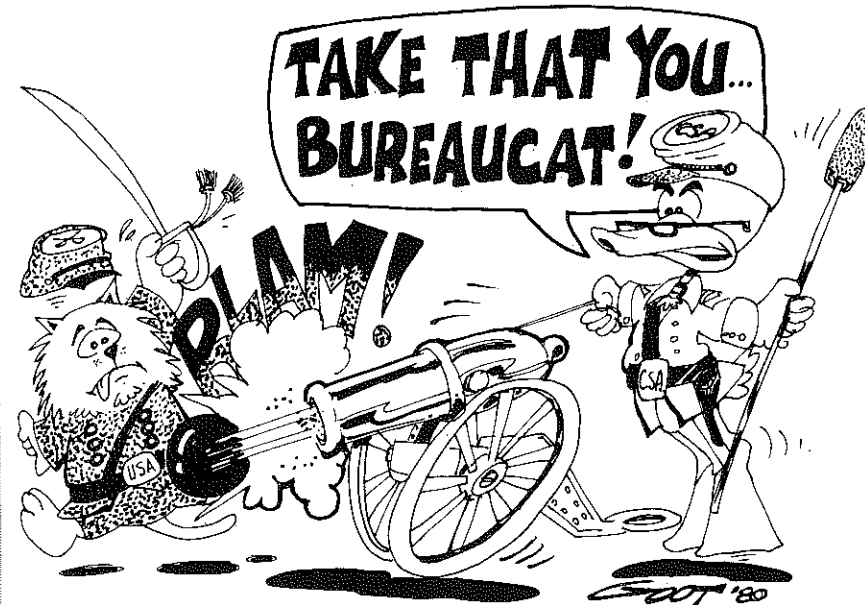
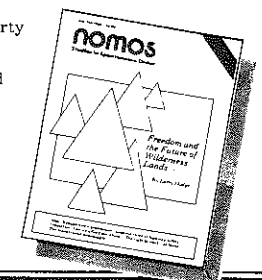
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-No Comment

Love, American Style

The Zero Population Growth Foundation of Washington DC, designated February 14th as "Love Carefully Day" and distributed Valentine Cards emblazoned with red condoms.

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Why Educators Should Oppose Government Space Programs by Jason Solomon

Even the president of the National Education Association says "We don't need gimmicks".\1 Libertarian educators call for space free of propaganda masquerading as public education.\2 Constitutionalist educators decry NASA's deliberate confusion of separation of church & state in its public relations. It turns its program into a spiritual quest "to inspire the public" -- in other words, civil religion. Richard A. Methia, a state finalist in the teacher-in-space competition, calls the trip "one teacher's cosmic joy ride".\3 Is NASA running a space camp?\4 Does the flyboy jock mentality still pervade NASA?\5

The space race has not increased literacy, math scores or student interest in science despite government space programs. It has instead increased expectations in these areas to the point that functional illiterates are given "social promotions" from one grade to the next to save face. Incompetents are awarded "certificates of achievement" upon failing the "minimum competency" test.

Government space programs like the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, NASA, OCST, SDIO and DARPA spend billions merely to maintain these bureaucracies. In a time of trillion dollar budget figures, there can be no doubt that government space programs absorb tax dollars parents could use to buy their children books or send them to better schools.

Educators are as human as everybody else. Wouldn't anyone afflicted with the jock mentality jump at the chance to participate in a stunt? They would be awed by the experience, "floating" even. If it occurred to them (it won't) to ask a hard question, they would take the easy way out and keep quiet to be "polite" (more likely fear of being kicked out or losing pay). Is this teaching patrons or patronizing teachers? Is this selling the taxpayers on government space programs or buying off potential opponents? Is this public awareness or public relations? Is relating this experience relevant to students? Imagine yourself the administrator of a government space program fast losing the collective patience of taxpayers, interest of students and support of scientists.\6 In those shoes; one would be tempted to a) do a public relations job on the taxpayers, b) send up a teacher to come back and tell students and educators about the importance of the government space program and c) tell scientists that the government space program supports science education. Is this citizen involvement or tokenism?\7

The first average citizen in space is not particularly average. "You know people come up to me and say, 'I really admire you but I wouldn't want to do it.' I can't understand that." \8 An average person could. Average people work in factories, offices and manual labor. Only action junkies entered the contest (average teachers were busy reading and writing lesson plans), so naturally the most hyperactive won. Also the winner is well connected (husband was New Hampshire attorney general & friend of Senator Warren Rudman) and famous.

The "common people" are not constantly talking to reporters and doing interviews. It would have been less phony if the teachers of America (not the government space program) held a lottery in which first prize was the trip. But the government space program's way reduced it to a beauty contest with the winner and first runner-up getting trophies for being above average. Average people get motion sickness, have normal cautionary fears and are publicity shy. Even astronauts keep low profiles. Few people would recognize Neil Armstrong if he came up and bit them on the leg. Months before Apollo 11, Buzz Aldrin was starting to worry about loss of privacy and freedom. Michael Collins's mother said her son was slightly irritated that because of him, his family should be subjected to public scrutiny and prying. "He doesn't think an old lady like me should have to put up with that," said the 73-year-old Mrs. Collins.\9

Ralph Winrich, Lewis Research Center, NASA: "I can count on at least once a month finding a school administrator who feels that the space program is a waste of money. Now I don't know if there's a correlation here, but when I find that, I usually find an administrator in an outlying community who belongs to two bowling leagues and can tell you what the latest TV series is doing on three different networks. Something I'm sure we don't have to worry about here." \10 What snobbery to imply to an audience that those who oppose the government space program are ignorant and against quality education. If the government space

program was determined to ride roughshod over the sensibilities of the people, they could have at least had the decency to hold the selection in private instead of milking it for all the publicity it was worth.

"If you had the chance, wouldn't YOU want to do it?" \11 By the year 2000, the government expects to have accumulated only 1000 of its employees in space since Project Mercury. The population of the country is approximately 250,000,000. This is a quarter of a billion. The vast majority of this generation will not have the opportunity to go up in our lifetimes and neither will the vast majority of our children. Only the well connected and famous (like Senator Garn) will be able to go. Such an elitist program is paid for by we the masses. Abolish it now. If transit were turned over to commercial spacelines, there could be 10,000 up by 2000 A.D. When the average citizen takes their first airlift, they generally pay their own way. They don't make us average taxpayers pay their way. When the average citizen takes their first airlift, odds are its not a sweepstakes prize. Moreover, we can go whenever we please just by plunking down our money. That's America. Its called freedom. Rationing & long lines caused by government programs and shortages is what we find in garrison states.

Educators are supposed to be professionals. In order to perform their jobs, they cannot afford the luxury of being seen as snobs or elitists if they want to reach their students. NASA's teachernaut cannot take her class with her. What must students far below think? This paper is not a criticism of that teacher. It is a call for the abolishment of government space programs better left to the private space programs of the aerospace, research & development industries.\12 In a time of debt shock, balance of trade deficits, double digit taxes and massive cost overruns, locking in an irrevocable multitrillion dollar commitment to government space programs is a mistake for which we will pay and pay and pay and pay.

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SCIENCE DIGEST May 1985, page 64.

SCIENCE '82 November 1982, page 16.

If sputniks & shuttles do not impress scientists, why should students be impressed by government space programs?

7/long before the teacher-in-space competition, several astronauts were qualified instructors with PhD's. The "first average citizen in space" pitch is too obvious.

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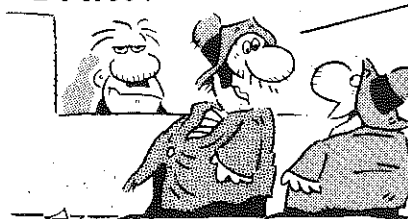
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Xenophobia

In an unabashed display of ethnocentrism, the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals recently published a profile of Hispanics in the U.S. to aid Anglo managers. The profile delves bravely into the cultural mysteries of the Spanish-speaking world to warn naive Yankees about the risks of extending credit to Hispanic individuals. "Many new Hispanic residents view the United States as a land of 'milk and honey' and do not fully understand the financial responsibilities that accompany their new found freedoms...They simply may not grasp their repayment obligations, or the consequences of nonpayment even if the product becomes defective or if they are out of work." Although the Society does its best to portray Hispanics as potential consumers, it seems they'd prefer to view them all as illegal aliens.

-dollars & Sense

The Smoking Gum

A nicotine chewing gum designed to help smokers give up the habit was withdrawn from the market in Sweden after researchers found that children used the gum, got hooked on nicotine and then switched to cigarettes.

-No Comment

Working Women Filthy Floors

Determined to make their way into traditionally male slots in the corporate kingdom, upwardly mobile women have been walking out of the kitchen and into the office, leaving the housework to the hired help, unenthusiastic husbands, or—in a most distressing breach of custom—not to be done at all.

Accordingly, sales of scouring powder, mildew removers, floor wax, and dishwashing liquid declined in 1984 for the tenth consecutive year. Mean while, sales of air fresheners and toilet bowl cleaners that reportedly eliminate the need for scrubbing have boomed. Says one woman researcher who devises such tempting alternatives, "Where women once competed for the brightest sheen on the coffee table, now they compete to be too busy for such things."

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EXPLAINING TO A CHILD

ROBERT BRAKEMAN

She mowed my lawn. That was the way I happened to get to know her, and her me. She gave an early-on hint that she might be a young person worth knowing in the way she mowed it: Without being asked to. She'd decided to go into the lawn mowing business to pick up some spending money--but she quickly ran into one of the cruelest facts of life: Girls are taken even less seriously than women---for they're both young (and of course incompetent by virtue of that fact) and female (and incompetent for that reason as well). All the homeowners in the neighborhood who were used to hiring young boys to mow their lawns just laughed when a girl asked to do it---and since no one would give her a chance she'd come up with a tactic which was as creative as it was successful. She would mow someone's shaggy lawn when they were absent, and then leave them a note saying there was no charge, that she'd done it just to show that the quality of her work was high (my phrasing; her thoughts), and that she'd like to be considered the next time they needed the cutting done. That was my kind of kid, and she was hired to mow my lawn for life plus ten years.

She would always leave me perceptive little notes about various lawn-factors and so it didn't suprise me when, anytime she saw me, she would ask questions about shape-of-the-world matters. She was too young (9) to know much yet, but she was old enough and intelligent enough to have already concluded that the kinds of questions she was asking were the important ones, that they were the ones that ultimately mattered, that ultimately decided the kinds of lives that individual human beings would lead. Her parents are better left undiscussed here (this thing is going to be depressing enough as it is); let's just say they were nothing like she was, and they were no help to her in her intellectual questing. Because of that, she came to depend on me, and because she was the kind of young person she was, I was willing to be depended upon, willing to take the time to answer her intelligent questions.

Things were going along wonderfully well, right up until the moment I dropped the bombshell purely by accident. I would necessarily have gotten around to it eventually anyway, but I was trying to hold back a while. "It" was the little question of what the government in America spent most of its time doing---and I said what I said by "accident" because she hadn't even asked about that. What she'd been asking about, what'd we'd been spending our time on up to that point, were questions relating to such things as the history of government in this country (how it came to be established, and so on) and its structure (such splendidly important data as the fact that Senators serve for six years and Nebraska has a unicameral legislature and the city-manager form of municipal government is the one favored by "reformers" and you get the idea). In the course of discussing one of those subjects I made some comment like "Of course it's too bad that somewhere along the line the government went bad and now commits many more crimes that it punishes"---and then went on to something else. Well, I tried to go on to something else, but she wouldn't let me. She saw that I hadn't been kidding, and she'd concluded long before that I wouldn't lie to her, so she just had to know how it was that the government was committing more crimes than it prevented.

I tried to explain, and I suppose I succeeded. I told her that a true crime consists only of an act of aggression against the person or property of another, and that while once the US government had, generally, limited itself to preventing such crimes, these days it spent most of its time committing them, in two ways: By assaulting/jailing/fining people who'd committed no act of aggression, who'd only violated some words on paper somewhere, and by stealing from some to give to others. I then spent weeks giving her the gory details, filling in that outline. There was a tragedy in her reaction, one which made this explanation the hardest, most painful one I ever gave. The tragedy lay in the fact that she was still at the age where all she'd ever heard was that government was her protector, that it stood between her and the criminals; the realization that much of the time its agents were the criminals was almost more than she could handle. I encouraged her to confirm all I'd said elsewhere, & after she did, & had her young-but-healthy sense of right shocked by the injustice of it all, the final tragedy of all this sowed itself: At a time when she still should have had many Believing, Trusting, Pollyanna years ahead of her, she'd become America's Youngest Cynic. The fact that she was right to be that doesn't change the sadness of it all.....

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Man held in DUI death of ex-Libertarian chief

Ronald H. Heaton

By WILLIAM YELVERTON
Orangeburg Bureau

CLEARWATER

A Georgia man has been charged with felony driving under the influence of alcohol in connection with a head-on collision late Monday that killed a former chairman of the S.C. Libertarian Party, authorities said Tuesday.

Jack Barlow, 50, of Baxley was being held in the Aiken County Detention Center on Tuesday in the death of Ronald H. Heaton of Vaucluse, Coroner Sue Townsend said. Bond had not been set late Tuesday afternoon, a jailer said.

Heaton, 33, a one-time state Senate candidate, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta shortly after the 10:45 p.m. accident on U.S. 1 at Clearwater, Mrs. Townsend said.

The coroner said Heaton, driving a Toyota pickup truck, was traveling east on the four-lane road towards Aiken when Barlow, who was headed west, turned into the eastbound lane and collided head-on with Heaton.

Barlow was taken to the Aiken County Hospital after the mishap and later jailed. Both drivers were alone at the time of the incident, Mrs. Townsend said.

Heaton was chairman of the state Libertarian Party from July 1985 until April of this year, when his brother, John Heaton, was elected to replace him, said Dr. David Morris of West Columbia, the party's nominee for secretary of state.

Morris, the party's treasurer, said Heaton was beaten by state Sen. Thomas L. Moore of Clearwater in the District 25 race in 1984. The district includes Edgefield and Aiken counties.

Heaton, Morris said, was "a very kind, caring and hard-working person who always had a helpful word for all of us working for the Libertarian Party's goal."

"He tended to calm down controversy in the party," Morris said. "I miss him very much."

Heaton also had served as the party's vice chairman.

AIKEN
Ronald Hugh Heaton, 33, died Tuesday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Born in Anderson, he was a son of John W. and Mrs. Carolyn Busby Heaton. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Phyllis Barnard Heaton; his parents of Aiken; and brothers, Charles W. and John B. Heaton of Aiken and Richard D. Heaton of Memphis, Tenn.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at George Funeral Home, with burial in Aiken Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Ron Heaton, formerly vice-chairman and then chairman of the South Carolina Libertarian Party was in a death crash on Monday, July 21, 1986.

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we will submit the vindication of the cause
for which we fought. To your strength will
be given the defense of the Confederate
soldier's good name, the guardianship of
his history..."

Lt. Gen. Saphen D. Lee, CSA

Third Place South Carolina Student Contest Award, Here

"Which Government Agency Would You Abolish First?"

The idea of separate licensing boards for each occupation is outdated and too expensive for the state to maintain. If the separate boards could be organized and combined it would save the state money, time, and space. It would allow for one board that could cover all areas and be housed in one building. This would speed up production, add to the assets of the individuals boards, and improve efficiency of all the boards. It is not feasible that separate boards comprised of individuals from the same occupation will monitor and deal with all of the complaints, problems, and issues arising with a fair and even basis. The tendency to protect their own would be an inherent one and impossible to eliminate. This has been brought up before regarding the doctor's here in South Carolina.

Some of the students at school were complaining about several areas that they felt was unfair and extremely detrimental to the students and one suggested that they call the State Board of Nursing. One of the students sitting there had worked in the hospital for many years and informed them that the people on the state board were all nurses and good friends with the instructors at school and nothing would be accomplished. He said that the nurses would even go out together and knew each other socially. He then went on to add that the result would be the student being "blackballed" because of the complaint. The discussion that followed would discourage anyone from believing that a state board will equally and fairly monitor "their own". This is only logical and I think the lack of follow through and the low amount of disciplinary action bears this out. It would be extremely difficult to act against or remove someone from the same profession that you are in. The person in authority would have a natural tendency to be lenient.

Therefore, it is very easy to foresee the day when there is one state agency for all licensing boards. Everything could be handled from one building and heavy costs could be eliminated. There would also be a large staff reduction and more money could be saved this way. One of the major reasons for establishing this one central board would be to improve the quality of service and decisions handed down and to avoid the taint of nepotism and unfairness. The employees could be taken in a way that would represent everyone with special knowledge of ethics and professionalism. Money could be saved, the quality and quantity of work would be improved, and the representation would be fairer; to be specific....everyone would benefit from this combination of boards into one central board....and who could ask for more?

- Bettye Barrett, 2nd year at Midlands Technical College, Airport.
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**Enumerated rights
not all-inclusive**

In a recent decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Bill of Rights does not protect homosexual sodomy because it was not a right when the Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791. This being so, then the states and national government cannot prohibit actions that were legal in 1791. Among these are:

- ✓ The right to carry a loaded handgun for self-defense.
 - ✓ The right to grow hemp (which George Washington did at Mount Vernon), from which marijuana is obtained.
 - ✓ The right to use the public roadways without a license.
 - ✓ The right to practice medicine without a license.
- These are some of the rights which are protected by the Ninth Amendment (The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people) and the Fourteenth Amendment.)

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