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## ACLU may get into porn

United Press International

The American Civil Liberties Union is considering legal action to challenge recent crackdowns by county law enforcement agencies on X-rated video sales across the state, the group's state director says.

"Sheriffs do not have the authority to ban anything," Steven Bates, executive director of the South Carolina ACLU, said yesterday. "Law enforcement officers have authority to investigate and seek a judge's decision on whether a particular item falls within the definition of obscenity."

Bates says ACLU staffers are reviewing legal options in the wake of the recent crackdowns, but the group will wait at least until the end of the week before making a decision on action.

"We're taking a look at several options," he said. "One of them includes asking for an injunction to stop sheriffs from enforcing what amounts to a ban on X-rated video sales."

"A free people simply cannot permit law enforcement officers to violate fundamental constitutional rights of free speech and a free press."

Current South Carolina law says it is a criminal act to display obscene material or sell it to a minor, but pornography legislation is left to local

governments. The only rule is that local standards cannot be stricter than state law, but tougher legislation is being discussed in the General Assembly.

"The community standard test is not a license to censor anything some people find objectionable," Bates said. "Speech cannot be prohibited merely because it offends someone's religious or moral beliefs. The expression in question must also meet the obscenity test developed by the U.S. Supreme Court."

This week Richland and York counties became the latest areas of the state to begin crackdowns on the sale of X-rated videos. Richland County sheriff's deputies arrested seven clerks during a surprise weekend sweep of area video outlets, and Sheriff Frank Powell announced Monday he will continue to apply pressure to store operators.

GUESS HOW PORNY ACLU IS

## Judge: No power to order woman to stop prostitution

By Jef Feeley  
Staff writer

A judge told prosecutors today that he did not have the power to order a woman to stop working as a prostitute along Two Notch Road.

Judge Marion Kinon said that state law governs the actions and outlines the penalties for those charged with prostitution, and he could not add extra sanctions to penalize defendants.

Prosecutors order Michelle Marie Smith, three times arrested for prostitution, into court today after she was arrested a fourth time for prostitution in April.

Under state law, anyone convicted of prostitution three times or more faces a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and three years in jail.

A committee of the York County Council Monday approved a resolution asking local authorities to enforce state obscenity standards "to the letter of the law." The resolution must be approved by the full council.

Law officers in Florence and Lancaster counties have cracked down on X-rated videos, and there is public pressure in Spartanburg and other areas to enforce local obscenity standards. Many of the stores selling the ribald tapes are located in residential areas and sell the X-rated material alongside family movies and cartoons. Clerks report that the clientele for the movies ranges from housewives to white-collar and professional people.

"Sheriffs contemplating banning whole categories of speech would do well to seek legal advice before they end up in court," Bates said. "Even people who dislike the (X-rated) material involved should rebel at these heavy-handed police tactics."

Fifth Circuit Solicitor James C. Anders said that each time Ms. Smith had been arrested for prostitution, she pleaded guilty, paid a fine and was released.

"When prostitutes like this girl are picked up, they are fined and then turned back on the streets," Anders said. "The problem is that nobody is giving these people jail time. The only thing anybody has done to this girl is banish her."

Anders said that when Ms. Smith was arrested for prostitution in North Carolina, she pleaded guilty and was ordered to leave the state.

Anders said prosecutors brought Ms. Smith to court in hopes of getting Kinon to order her to "cease and desist" working as a prostitute.

If the judge had ordered her to do that and she was again arrested for prostitution, Ms. Smith would have faced contempt of court charges. The penalty for contempt is six months in jail.

"Obviously, the criminal laws are not sufficient to keep prostitutes off streets in this county," Anders said outside the hearing. "That's why we tried to get this order."

But Kinon said it was up to the state General Assembly to stiffen the penalties for prostitution.

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## The Four Phases of Viewing Government

Robert Brakeman

Although it hasn't gotten much attention, presumably because I just discovered the phenomenon, most Americans go through a number of fairly-distinct and easily differentiated phases in the way they think about the nature of government.

They begin with a very favorable view. As the educational establishment begins to seize the young person's mind, its politics-indoctrination tells him or her that government is a truly wonderful engine for improving all our lives, for achieving the "public interest" or the "greatest good for the greatest number." Who could be against good stuff like that? Nobody, and especially not an impressionable eight-year-old who hasn't the sophistication to look behind symbols and slogans and catch-phrases in search of their real meaning. The educationists call this teaching-the-child what-a-wonderful-thing-the-government-is socialization (preparing him to function in the real world), but my word ("indoctrination") is more accurate. The child is told all that's good about government and little that's bad. The inevitable result is that the education-factory drops him off at the end of its assembly line feeling that presidents and other politicians are heroic types fighting the people's battles, that politics is by and large an honorable profession, and that politicians really are surrogates of the public. In this phase the youngster is likely to react to any suggestion that politicians are mainly charlatans about the way he would to the approach of a stranger in a raincoat--by running home to report the whole thing to his mother.

Fortunately, this phase doesn't last long. It lasts only until the dominant influence of the educational establishment is superseded by that of the news media. As the young person begins to read and hear about daily corruption and influence-peddling and special interest domination of government at all levels, his views begin to change, in the direction of cynicism (and reality). He begins to take on something approximating a "they're all crooks" attitude. While of course that statement is not technically accurate, it does contain an immensely important kernel of truth: The suggestion that politicians are out for themselves first, and that anytime there is a conflict between their self-interest and the interests of those they supposedly represent, only the polyannas among us need to ponder very long about what will happen. As it becomes clearer and clearer that the political system doesn't work the way their textbooks and their sixth-grade teacher led them to believe, they decide that "hack" is a more accurate term than "statesman" for all but a few of those who govern us, and they come to see that, after their loyalty to themselves, politicians place their greatest value upon service to the groups which get

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A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.

John T. Harlee  
Robert Brakeman

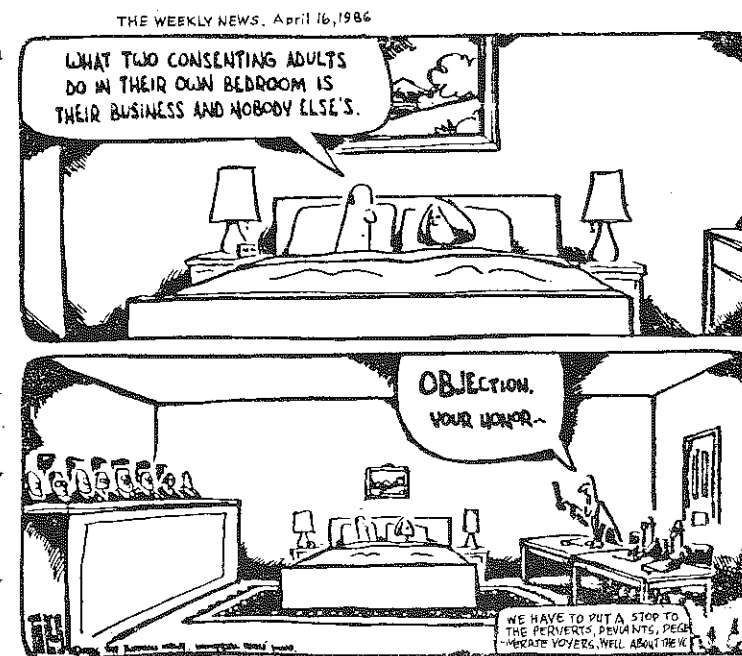
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But a smaller group of citizens goes on to a third stage, one which represents a return to number one, but in a less extreme form. This stage involves the people who get involved in politics in some way, typically by becoming party workers on a regular basis or by working sporadically for particular candidates. They meet elected and party officials, they come to be friends with them, and they gradually begin to think, "Hey, these people aren't really so bad after all." They find that many people in politics are personable or honest or both, and they begin to think that the cynicism one can develop reading the newspaper headlines must be unjustified, that those stories must just be dealing with a deviant few. Gradually they come to think of politics as at least as honorable as any other profession, as inhabited by generally good people, and they become downright vocal in defense of the governmental system.

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## The Four Phases, continued from page 2

Fortunately, some people go beyond this point (Actually, they're mainly people who went to phase four instead of phase three, rather than after it.). Here I'm referring to independent analysts of politics-academics or journalists or think-tankers. Their analysis is derived not from association with politicians, as is that of the phase-three people, but from independent scrutiny of the way government really works. Naturally that scrutiny is not totally objective, but I'm not going out on much of a limb in saying that it's a lot more dispassionate and objective than that of the phase-three folks. Those people have a vested personal and ideological interest in believing that politics is a generally moral, healthy business. They have to believe that, in the same way that the relatives of a young man killed in war are very strong psychological pressure to believe that the war was worthwhile, whatever an objective analysis might show. For the phase-three'ers to believe anything else, to believe that politics is a generally disreputable activity, is to condemn themselves, their activities and their associates. We don't allow anyone else to be a judge in his own case, so we really can't really on the judgement of politically-active people about the nature of politics. The judgement of independent analysts is the best we can do. What do they say? There is naturally some disagreement on details, but it's amazing how firm a consensus there is on the broad question of the nature of government. That consensus suggests that (A) the primary and overwhelming interest of 99.9% of all politicians is what's good for their political career; (B) their secondary interest is what's good for the coalition of special interests which elects them; (C) the essence of government is a process by which predatory interests (left and right) divide up loot in the form of taxes extorted from the citizenry; and (D) overall, the more one knows about the way politicians operate, the more one becomes convinced that politics is a process by which the engine of the state is used to prey upon unfavored groups for the benefit of favored ones. In short, the phase-four, outside analyst position is that phase two's vision of the world is just about right. The people who know most are the most cynical.

## County loyal to Union rejoins Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Scott County, which seceded from Tennessee out of loyalty to the Union when the Civil War broke out, has officially rejoined the state after 125 years of independence.

The east Tennessee county seceded in 1861 when Tennessee joined the Confederacy, and never formally applied for readmission until this year,

when it petitioned the governor and Legislature.

"After 125 years of independence, in this year of Tennessee Homecoming, the Scott commissioners and the people of the Scott have declared the Free and Independent State of Scott to be dissolved and disbanded," Gov. Lamar Alexander, who signed the readmission resolution, said yesterday.

## Wife shoots two turkeys, gets ticket from husband

RICHMOND, Mo. (AP) — Ray County conservation agent George Hiser told his wife to "take your best shot" when the turkey came out of the woods last weekend. A lucky shot gave her two birds — and a ticket from her husband.

Not only did Marcia Hiser drop the first turkey

at 40 yards, she hit a second one 15 yards behind it with the same blast.

Missouri regulations prohibit killing more than one turkey during the spring season, so Hiser cited her for the second bird.

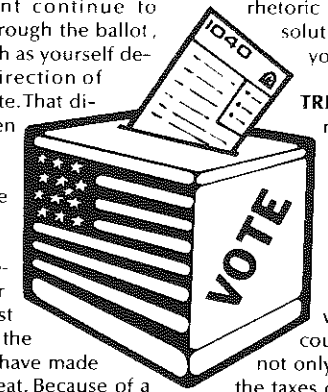
"He had to do it," said Mrs. Hiser, who faces a \$5 fine and court costs. "I know what his job is."

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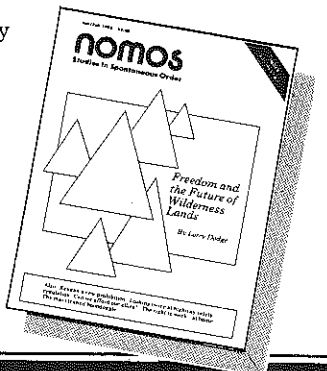
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## Local government tax bill dead for this year

The House refused yesterday to revive a bill that would give local governments the power to levy sales and auto taxes.

The House rejected 45-14 an effort by Rep. Bob Sheheen, D-Kershaw, to remove the bill from a Ways and Means subcommittee where it is stalled. Subcommittee Chairman Herb Kirsh, D-York, said the panel will not meet again this legislative session, meaning the bill is effectively dead.

The bill would give counties and municipalities authority to levy sales taxes and to tax autos and other vehicles. Supporters said local governments need the bill to cope with cuts in federal aid and tight state spending.

## "Cooperatives" as a Code Term

Robert Brakeman

A "consumers' cooperative" is an organization whose members have decided to pool their buying power; by buying in large volume they hope to obtain price concessions of the kind which would not be available to them as teeny-tiny individual purchasers. A "producers' cooperative" is an institution dedicated to pooling the selling power of its members; by coordinating their sales efforts they hope to achieve a high net return than they could if they acted alone.

As we'll see in a moment, there's something very unreasonable about these institutions, but it is not what they do. Cooperatives perform entirely legitimate functions; they involve men and women utilizing their own lives and resources in ways they believe will maximize their satisfactions, and they involve no aggression against the persons or property of anyone else. So, they're institutions about which nothing critical in a moral sense can be said -- and so of course in a free society there should be no laws against them or restrictions on their legitimate actions, as certain business interests (who don't like the competition they provide) have suggested.

Now, such wonderfully legitimate entities would seem to provide nothing for proliberty people to worry about, but in fact they do. The problem lies in their name; "cooperative" is (A) unacceptable as a matter of pure logic and (B) a cause of a very serious practical problem for people interested in the prospects for freedom in the world.

On the first point, the unacceptability of "cooperative" as a name for these organizations does not derive from any suggestion that they are not "cooperative" institutions as that word is ordinarily understood in everyday conversation; of course their members cooperate in their various endeavors --- that is the very purpose of the institutions' existence. But so do those economic actors who try to maximize their satisfaction through organizations which aren't called "cooperatives". These organizations of course are mainly corporations (with partnerships and single proprietorships thrown in) and it can easily be demonstrated that a corporation is just as much a "cooperative" venture as a "producers' cooperative" or a "consumers' cooperative".

In both cases there is a pooling of resources; in both cases that pooling is entirely voluntary (& therefore entirely legitimate); in both instances there are

shared goals among the poolers (in fact it's the same shared goals in both cases: Financial well-being); in both cases members may get out when they choose; and in both cases members "cooperate" both financially and personally to reach their mutually-agreed upon goals. It was an act of unbelievable arrogance when the so-called "cooperatives" stole that term from the public (economic) domain and applied it to just one form of cooperative economic behavior.

All this is important because the favorable emotional content of "cooperative" has been used to browbeat and discredit, either frontally or by indirection, the other main kind of cooperative economic organization -- the corporation. Explicitly or implicitly, antiliberty (socialist) propagandists have been able to create an impression that somehow cooperatives represent a better, or more honorable, or more "public-spirited" form of economic organization than corporations. It's easy to see why. If these organizations are "cooperatives", why, what must that make those organizations over there, the ones which are structured differently? They must be "un-cooperative" or "anti-cooperative" or some such thing, and that sounds pretty close to anti-social, which in turn brings to mind such words as "evil" -- and evil institutions (or at least less-than-fully-reputable ones) ought surely to be severely regulated and controlled by "society", and maybe prohibited altogether. The corporation is made to seem evil-by-comparison, and the results of that invidiousness of the misnomer "cooperative" can be seen both in law ("cooperatives" are treated substantially more favorably than corporations) and public sentiment (polls show people admire the former much more than the latter). It can't be repeated too often: Words matter.

## U.S. Fears Genocide Charges

The Senate voted 83 to 11 Feb. 19 to approve the UN genocide convention—37 years after it was first submitted to Congress. But it attached provisions to protect the U.S. from being charged with genocide.

The 11 who voted against it, a roster of mostly right-wing Republicans in the Senate, argued the U.S. should not submit itself to international jurisdiction. Though they lost, their views are embodied in the provisions to the treaty. One of these would deny the World Court jurisdiction if the U.S. is charged with genocide, unless Washington agrees. (In 1984, the U.S. refused to accept the court's jurisdiction over Nicaragua's charge that the U.S. mined its harbours.)

Another provision states that the U.S. shall take no action prohibited by the Constitution. This implicitly negates the genocide convention's provision that countries that endorse it must carry out its decisions. The Senate resolution also stipulates that extradition of people guilty of genocide will apply only if their actions are considered criminal by both countries involved. That violates a basic concept of the convention: that the UN shall determine the punishment for genocide.

One reason the Senate avoided dealing with the issue over the years was related to the U.S. having been the first country to be charged with genocide at the UN.

The Guardian

The aim of education is the wise use of leisure.

Aristotle

## Most of state's obscenity laws upheld in court

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court today upheld most of South Carolina's laws on obscenity but struck down two provisions as unconstitutionally overbroad.

"It is well settled that a state has the power to regulate the distribution of obscene materials, for obscenity is not protected by the first amendment," a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in a 17-page ruling.

The case involved a complaint brought by Vernon Beigay Inc., operator of the Video Zone.

In March 1985, authorities in Greenville County warned a number of local businesses about provisions of the state's obscenity laws after receiving complaints about the sale of sexually oriented video tape cassettes.

Beigay, one of the businesses warned about possible prosecution, was never charged and had no materials seized by authorities. But the company filed a court challenge based on the threat of prosecution.

U.S. District Judge William W. Wilkins Jr. of Greenville ruled against Beigay.

The appeals court, after finding that Beigay had standing to raise a constitutional claim even though no charges were filed, noted the South Carolina law read almost verbatim from U.S. Supreme Court guidelines in the 1973 decision of Miller vs. California.

Those guidelines call for using contemporary community standards in deciding whether a work appeals to prurient interest, describes sexual conduct in an offensive way and lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

The court accepted Beigay's contention that two sections of the state law were too broad. Those sections allowed trial judges to consider the context in which allegedly obscene material is used and the potential effects on the behavior of a group of people.

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## Consumers gagged

The Sept. 19 Germond-Witcover column pointed out a crucial missing element in the recent debate over trade restrictions: the absence of a spokesman for American consumers. Both Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill have forsaken the best interests of the American people in the hope that they will capture votes in the next election.

As the writers suggested, the trade issue would be a great opportunity for the party of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson to take the moral high road and support free trade. No such luck: Special interest group pressure and political expediency have the Democrats again.

A disturbing part of the protectionists' arguments is their implied racism. Our trading enemies (not partners) are Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and South Korea. No protectionist dares to mention that \$20 billion of last year's trade deficit was from Canada.

A News and Observer editorial recently affirmed what economists and students of history know: Protectionism leads to high prices, high unemployment and hostility between nations. The Libertarian Party has consistently supported free trade — the right of individuals to exchange goods and services voluntarily with any willing partner.

F. CRAIG SPRINGER  
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Libertarian Party of North Carolina

## Dollar undervalued

Your editorial, "A country in hock," does not make sense. The tax increase you call for would stifle the incentive for productivity that foreign investors find attractive. Similarly, cuts in defense spending may make investments in this country seem riskier. Better to cut welfare, which is a disincentive for people to work, and to repeal minimum wage laws, which prohibit some people from working.

Also, you state that "the overvalued dollar must be brought gradually but surely into better balance with other currencies." If the dollar were overvalued, the international currency markets would correct its price quickly. Why do you think the dollar should have less value? Personally, I wish mine had more.

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DAILY MIRROR

● I'VE come across a new game enjoyed by officers of the Department of Employment (Secretary of State: Norman Tebbit). It's called: Persecuting Part-Time Workers.

Tebbit's insurance officers have started to "trawl" through the lists of people claiming supplementary benefit because they are unemployed. The trawlers are looking for someone who is not "available for full-time work" and stopping their benefit.

They start at the top of the alphabet, so if your name begins with A you're especially vulnerable.

Mrs. Elizabeth Andres lives on her own in Manchester. She works for two hours a day as a school meals supervisor, earning £15.50 a week.

No-one can live on that, obviously, so the local social security office paid her supplementary benefit, deducting all but £4 of her pay. She got in all the princely sum of £31 a week, and survived cheerfully on it.

Then, last April 8, she got a letter saying her benefit was stopped. The local employment office, she was told, reckoned she was "not available for full-time work," because she was working part-time. So she wasn't unemployed and couldn't claim benefit.

She couldn't pay her rent and got into debt. "I found I was walking along the road and I would just burst out

crying, and I'm not a crying woman," she says.

For a month she lived on her £15.50. Then the local law centre managed to get her an "emergency" benefit, £4 less than what she used to get.

She is appealing against the Employment Department. If the appeal fails, she loses the emergency money, and is back on £15.50 a week. She will be forced to give up her job.

There are no full-time jobs in that part of Manchester for 50-year-old women.

So Mrs Andres would have to join the ranks of the full-time unemployed—and cost the taxpayer £11.50 a week more than she was costing before the persecution started.

Tebbit's trawlers will have scored a double triumph. A poverty-stricken woman's life will be completely broken, and we'll all be paying more for it.



## Seat-belt laws infringe on individuals' freedom

In reference to your Feb. 5 editorial in favor of mandatory seat-belt laws: It is wrong to assert that "nobody has a constitutional right to drive an automobile." This is a smokescreen and misses the point entirely. The right to travel — in any fashion that doesn't endanger others — is a fundamental liberty that deserves protection.

In addition, your abhorrence of a popular referendum to decide the issue shows that you have more respect for legislators than for the voting public.

As a physician, I urge many of my patients to wear seat belts, to stop smoking, to eat healthy foods and to do other things to improve their health. However, it would be wrong for the government to force my patients to follow my advice, for that would be a fundamental violation of their right to control their own bodies. Decisions about personal safety should be made by individuals and their families — not the government.

As a libertarian, I recognize the importance of individual rights and the need for government to limit itself to its only proper role — protecting individuals from those who would violate their rights. The government should be our servant, not our master.

Violent crime is a serious problem in South Carolina, and so is drunk driving. Law enforcement officials should put all their time and effort into solving these problems. They should not waste their time harrassing persons who do not pose a danger to anyone else. It may be wise to wear a seat belt, but wisdom should not be legislated.

DAVID MORRIS

Education Chairman, S.C. Libertarian Party

## Don't Protect Textiles

I was disappointed with your Sept. 14 editorial, "Governor Right About Textiles." Everyone hates unemployment. But when you consider that we put six people out of work in other industries for every textile worker's job we protect, we would aid overall employment more with free trade than with tariffs.

After all, despite increasing unemployment in the local textile industry, North Carolina's unemployment rate is still below the national average.

Your editorial supported the notion that "free trade must be fair trade." As Walter Williams pointed out in a recent column, that phrase doesn't mean much.

American freedom should not depend on the policies of other governments. Thomas Jefferson never advocated government-operated religion because England had its own state-run church. Nor do many people support state-censored newspapers because the Soviet Union's government runs that society's press. Economically, we should be free and independent as well.

If other nations choose to pursue counter-productive economic policies, why should we follow suit? If Japan's govern-

## Lift controls

Several encouraging notes are to be taken from the U.S. District Court's decision to end the N.C. Milk Commission's price controls on milk carried across state lines. The court recognized, if implicitly, that such controls fail to protect the producer or the consumer in the long run, and often infringe on the rights of both.

The lifting of the controls prompted a drop in the wholesale price of milk, which should be passed on to the consumer quickly in this very competitive market.

The N.C. Milk Commission vice chairman has advocated the formation of a voluntary federation of producers which could negotiate prices "without a (government) protector."

Now would be the time for judicious legislators to mandate a phase-out of all dairy price supports so that North Carolina can join its neighbors who now enjoy a free market.

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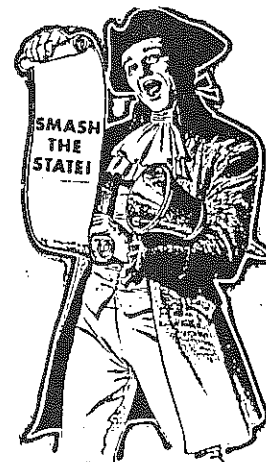
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recognizing that the persecution of persons for their homosexuality is a violation of their fundamental human rights,

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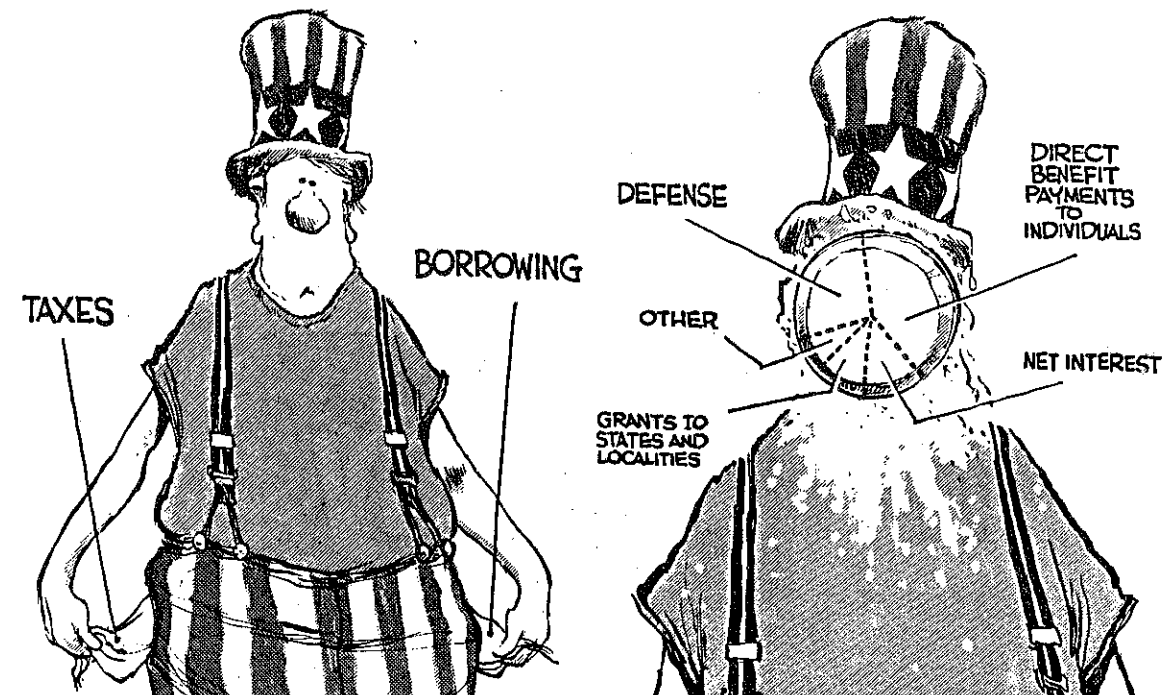
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S. C. L. P. RUNS 7 STATEWIDE CANDIDATES IN 1986 !

For the August 17 reconvention, there are 7 candidates for statewide offices with the addition of 4 to the ones nominated in April.

For U. S. Senate, at the last minute, Steve Vandervelde of Columbia has started a campaign for those thoroughly disgusted with the others on the ballot for other parties.

For Governor, for the first time since we ran an off-ballot Phil Dematteis in 1978, William Griffin of West Columbia has called for access to the public debates. See the article on his stand elsewhere in this issue.

Mark Johnson of Columbia is a young candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Dr. David Morris of Lexington, for Secretary of State, Jan Chapman of Lexington for Treasurer, & Andrew Amendola of Cayce for Comptroller General were nominated in April. Amendola is also seeking help with the State Fair booth; write 526 Brookcliff Dr.

John B. Heaton of Aiken is candidate for Superintendent of Education, calling for Back to Basics. See elsewhere his proposal for good school programs instead of bad general schools. S. C. has the worst public school performance in the U. S. in many ways. Many adults understand that the schools are not as good as theirs a generation ago.

BACK TO BASICS IN EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

"I believe that it is a sin to put people through 12 to 13 years of education only to have them graduate functionally illiterate."

"Libertarians believe that we should create alternatives to the current educational system."

Decentralize Education proposes a voucher system to let parents pick.

Freedom in Education "Real learning and growth cannot flourish in an environment where the alternative is to go to jail."

Funding for Education "All funding and monies raised for education should be spent on education." & "trim some fat - " are proposed.

Educational Improvement calls for repeal of the EIA. "We need to get back to the basics in education: reading, writing, and arithmetic."

GRIFFIN for GOVERNOR: LIBERTARIAN LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Among the many issues, Griffin has called for a voucher system in education, so that parents could send their children to good schools without being rich and having to pay twice. He calls for free publication without censorship or restrictions. He wants to end import bans and give tax relief to our entrepreneurs.

Opposing more taxes, he calls for privatizing government programs and abolition of taxation.

He calls for helping the poor by getting them from under the welfare burdens that keep jobs opportunities down. He also wants to stop out-of-state toxic wastes from being brought to South Carolina.

Libertarians want a free market economy, not the growing development boards to stifle. Government breaks for corporate farms to cause a small farm crisis should be reversed, so that small farms can come back.

Griffin also opposes zoning which takes rights. He calls for public election of the Public Service Commission. He calls to abolish the Workers Comp Board to let workers have their rights back.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION, HERE IS WHERE TO ASK

Heaton for Education, Box 1415, Aiken, SC 29802 for his biography, statement, press releases, etc.

## Raid's a big bust

LOS GATOS, Calif. (UPI) — Drug-raiding police busted down the front door of a house, wrestled the elderly homeowner to the floor and handcuffed him before storming into the back yard — where they found a tomato patch.

It will cost them \$75,000 in damages following an out-of-court settlement with retired school counselor Peter Fransulich and his wife, Jane.

The raiders, part of the Allied Agencies Narcotics Enforcement Team, included police from five cities, Santa Clara County and the state. All will share in the damages.

The Fransulichs charged in a lawsuit after the September 1983 raid that they were humiliated and their civil rights were violated in the raid. According to the suit, the plainclothes agents battered in the front door, did not identify themselves as police officers and wrestled Fransulich to the floor, handcuffing him, before dashing into the back yard to discover their mistake.

When will they ever learn?

## S. C. Crackpot Awards

The Second Annual South Carolina Crackpot Awards for strange or unusual acts of state government were announced at the August SCLP meeting in honor of Randy van Setter. Randy was commended in Norway last summer for telling why dogs urinate on govt. prop.

Gov. Richard Riley received the Daniel A. Chamberlain Last Corrupt Governor Award for the last year of his term with more convicted public officials than the previous 100 years.

Lt. Gov. Mike Daniel got the William Jennings Bryan Dorn Award for Nomination to the Race for Governor Without Winning the Primary. Dorn got the nom. in 1974 from the ineligible Ravenel, but lost to the Republican when the voters were annoyed.

The 2nd James Glen Half-Cracked Award for the worst bill went to Robert Sheheen for HR3252 to add 7 more taxes, that the LP fought. Glen was a wild colonial governor.

The Banastre Tarleton Award for a British Revolutionary colonel went to S C Tax Comm. for no more processing non-profit status but turning it over to IRS instead. Like Riley, they have a 2nd new award.

The Thomas Lynch Drowning Award "for the most death of students and the school named for the worst person" went to the Governors School of the College of Charleston. Lynch drowned in the Revolution at sea.

Comptroller General Earle Morris got the States Rights Gist (a fatal Confederate General) Award for a denunciation of all convicted state officials as being elected or appointed Dem., and still running as one.

USC President James Holderman got the James Coker Half-Blind Mule Award, for trying to get Coker College turned from a good private college to a poor USC branch junior college.

Superintendent Charlie Williams got the J. K. Jillson Award for Cruel Mistreatment of School Students for running the worst dept. that can take 90 days to answering a letter. He was also cited for windowless classrooms to hurt sight & health, schools with the worst SAT, discouraging good teachers. Jillson was publicly embarrassed in 1876 for lying. (See too the Augusta Chronicle comments!)

The William Bull Odd Award went to the State Asylum for discharging Dr. Bell acquitted of torture of young inmates without committing him as a patient himself. Bull was Gov. 4 colonial times. The Asylum has always been on Bull St.

The John Jenrette Worst Suburb Design went to the city of Florence for proposing a sewer in the exact opposite direction of toward the treatment plant, going 10 miles to make 100 yads. Jenrette sold underwater lots.

The Florence Codes & Housing Dept. got the Preston Brooks Gutta Percha Award, for the cane he beat a lying Mass. Senator in the 1850s, for telling land owners on the first day of the heat wave to clean the weeds off their lots, trying to kill as many as possible from heat prostration.

The Andrew Gordon Magrath Suffering Award went to Dr. Robert Jackson, DHEC chm., for a second alcoholic hospitalization. Magrath was the last Confederate SC Governor, & the only one arrested.

The 2nd J. Gordon Coogler Creative Writing Award for bad writing went to M. F. McElveen of the Highway finance dept. for poor computerized letters. Coogler was known as the worst poet.

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### 'Libs' score a hit

South Carolina's Libertarian Party has been known to shoot from the hip with some of its wacky "awards" to state officials, but we have to applaud its scoring of a direct hit on State School Superintendent Charlie Williams.

"The J.K. Jillson Award for Cruel Mistreatment of School Students," was "given" to Williams "for running the worst mismanaged government office that runs as much as 90 days behind in handling its mail." He was also cited for overseeing the "building of windowless classrooms dangerous to the sight and health of students."

Jillson, incidentally, was a 19th century school superintendent publicly embarrassed for lying.

Just take a look at some of Aiken County's newest schools —

North Augusta Elementary and Aiken Elementary come to mind — and you see an occasional, narrow window in classrooms. Aside from the fact that windowless rooms make for a sterile environment, we worry about Johnny and Susie not being able to get out of such a classroom in case of fire.

The Libertarians might also cite Williams for "cruelty" to teachers. We placed a simple, informational telephone call to the state's department of teacher certification in Columbia and were told that questions could not be answered during morning hours (bureaucrats there are supposedly too busy doing paperwork).

Furthermore, Aiken County educators complain to us that it takes weeks to receive information from this office in the mail.

The amendment would hit hardest schools and local governments, which derive most of their revenue from property taxes.

"They're out of business immediately," said Alec Hansen, executive director of the Montana League of Cities and Towns. "If you abolish property taxes, you have financial chaos in the state of Montana."

State School Superintendent Ed Argenbright said the initiative "would virtually shut down" elementary and high schools.

Some opponents fear that although the measure seems radical, voters may support it because of increases in their property reappraisals that go into effect this November.

"When the tax notices go out effective the first of November, we could really see a backlash" at the polls, says Gordon Morris, executive director of the Montana Association of Counties. "That just scares the dickens out of me."

Constitutional Initiative 27 was proposed by Friends of the Constitution Inc., a group based in the western Montana farming community of Corvallis.

Naomi Powell, listed as the group's representative, refused to answer questions unless submitted in writing to a future meeting of the organization. Replies would be provided in news releases, she said.

## Property taxes up to voters

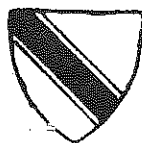
### Montana residents to render decision

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — To the dismay of state officials, Montana voters will decide in November the fate of a citizen initiative that threatens to blast a \$1.3 billion chunk out of the state's financial foundation.

The proposed constitutional amendment, sponsored by a conservative group, would abolish property taxes and require voter approval to create a sales tax or raise income taxes.

"I'm convinced the initiative backers have underestimated the collective intelligence of the people of Montana," said Gov. Ted Schwinden. But the Democratic governor said the fact it qualified for the ballot, with 38,000 signatures required, is a sign of taxpayer frustration "over what they see as an unjustifiable tax burden."

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