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37 percent and cut the deficit in half in one year. Of course, that wouldn't really happen because such a massive tax increase would decimate the economy and net revenue could actually drop. Unemployed people pay little if any income tax.

Who ran up the gigantic federal tab? Presidents and Congress to be sure, but citizens continue to elect presidents who promise us no new taxes and congressmen who promise us more and more benefits. And therein lies the problem. Too many taxpayers think "fat" is tax money being spent in other districts, on other people.

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this new citizenship policy we didn't have a very big class of 1992 graduating. The students have been turned against the school and not very many of them seem to care very much. I'm sure they would all love to graduate but they don't seem to care whether they are graduating from Orem High or from the local night school.

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Mind boggling

Editor:
This letter is in reply to the Monday, May 25, 1992, letter by Brent Mortensen. I, too, along with most others in the natural resource industries, respect and enjoy wildlife encounters while working on recreating on the public domain. We also believe that the "threat" to wildlife is overblown if man should attempt to earn his livelihood on habitat used by wildlife. I have witnessed this in many years working in exploration for minerals that are essential to man for our economy.

In reference to the old growth forest and the "endangered" spotted owl, I understand that a federal judge set aside three million acres of Oregon, Washington and California forest to protect the spotted owl. Since, according to the environmental movement, the owl can only survive in the environment

U.S. is a marketplace for anarchy

During a May 4 appearance on the Larry King Live show, "activist" Michael McGee spoke approvingly of the L.A. riots. He also predicted that more riots are forthcoming, "except that they're going to be, hopefully, what I call an insurrection."

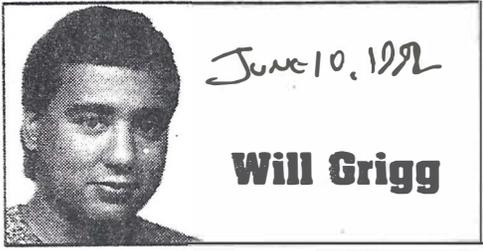
McGee's resume includes membership in the Black Panthers, as well as a stint as alderman in Milwaukee. He is hardly coy about his ambitions: "I'm talking about something that I am right now organizing, that will make (the L.A.) riots look like a Fourth of July picnic."

Will the execution of murderer William Andrews provide McGee and his like with a rationale for violence? Many who seek clemency for Andrews believe that a post-execution eruption is likely; indeed, some of them appear to welcome such a possibility.

Following last Tuesday's sentencing hearing, NAACP attorney Steven Hawkins declared that "William will be national news. This story will shock the nation."

He said that riots would result if the sentence is consummated. This prediction harmonized with the expectations of many in Hawkins' audience. The crowd that had gathered to observe the Ogden hearing displayed an inclination to wring grievances out of otherwise unremarkable details.

One Ogden journalist observed, "The general feeling among the mostly black crowd was that Andrews received the death sentence merely because he is black, and that feeling was projected into ... even



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slight annoyances."

Some perceived a premeditated, racist insult in the fact that the air conditioning hadn't been turned on. Another man took incurable offense at the court's decision to leave the 12 jury seats vacant, rather than admit another dozen observers.

One black spectator inveighed against Utah law enforcement, claiming that "It's all based on race." He spoke of a recent incident in which his car was struck by the uninsured driver of an unregistered vehicle. He asserted that had the roles in the collision been reversed, "They'd impound my car and give me a free ride down to the jail and I'd have to pay \$50 to get my car back. Utah law is all like that."

This gentleman does have a genuine complaint against a culpably irresponsible driver. But it should be noted that he had worked himself into a rapture of indignation over a hypothetical racial affront. Whence comes this inexhaustible capacity for grievance?

Charles Murray notes, "On July 3, 1964, the (Civil-Rights) movement achieved its greatest triumph, the passage of the Civil Rights Act. Thirteen days later, a race riot broke out in Harlem, the first of dozens over the next four years. "The week after L.A. exploded, the Washington Post offered a front page headline urging us to understand that the rampage was "Born of necessity." Supposedly the looters were driven by intractable hardship. But as of May 1990 the unemployment rate in South-Central L.A. was 7.1 percent.

Surveying the civic chaos of late republican Rome, Plutarch remarked that "Public opinion has the strange power of being able to erase from a man's character the lines formed there by reason and study." In our media-driven culture even reasonable people can be persuaded that large, abstract injustices vitiate the concepts of legality and personal responsibility. Thus gang leaders are presented by the media as "community activists," looting becomes "the voice of the voiceless," and murderers like Andrews become victim-saints.

Furthermore, representative politics gives way to blunt extortion. Those who seek clemency for Andrews speak of riots if their demands aren't met. Last year, Milwaukee's Black Militia, a group that includes McGee, threatened "death to whites" unless it received \$600 million — the same sum initially earmarked for rebuilding riot-decimated South-Central L.A. We have created a market for anarchy.

Cameras roll to capture congressional stars

WASHINGTON — Beyond the peeling yellow paint and dirty cement floors of a dark corridor of the Capitol basement lies Tinsel Town on the Potomac. It's called the Senate Recording Studio



high-tech radio and television studios. There's a powder room stocked with those compacts, combs, mirrors, hair spray, and even an electric shaver. When they film a spot, senators can choose between a hom-