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LADY GODIVA RIDES AGAIN
AS TUCCILLE PROTESTS HIGH TAXES

The legendary unclothed ride of Lady Godiva--the original streaker-- will be re-enacted this Sunday, 27 October, on Manhattan's Central Park South between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, beginning at 11 a.m.

Jerry Tuccille, Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor, said today that the demonstration is intended, like the first such ride nine centuries ago, as a protest against high taxes. Tuccille has proposed an amendment to the New York State constitution which would limit next year's taxes to the level of this year's, with gradual reductions in the tax level each year thereafter.

Actress-model Jane Mitchell will portray the libertarian Lady Godiva, riding a horse named "Taxpayer."

According to legend, Lady Godiva was married to the Lord of Coventry, who oppressed the people with excessive taxes. Lady G. appealed to her husband to reduce them, and he replied that he would grant her request if she agreed to ride naked through the town's crowded marketplace. She did so, covered only by her long hair. Her husband kept his word and abolished the obnoxious taxes.

"If only it were that simple today," said Tuccille. "Unfortunately, President Ford and Governor Wilson may not respond to our protest with as much wisdom as the Lord of Coventry demonstrated.

"We're dramatizing an important point with this re-enactment. The people of New York are fed up with having huge portions of their income confiscated from them--even for allegedly noble purposes. They realize that the bureaucracy, waste and corruption of government virtually guarantees that most of their tax money will go down the drain.

"We can no longer rely on politicians to carry out the will of the people," concluded Tuccille. "A constitutional amendment is the only solution to the problem of ever-increasing taxes."

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