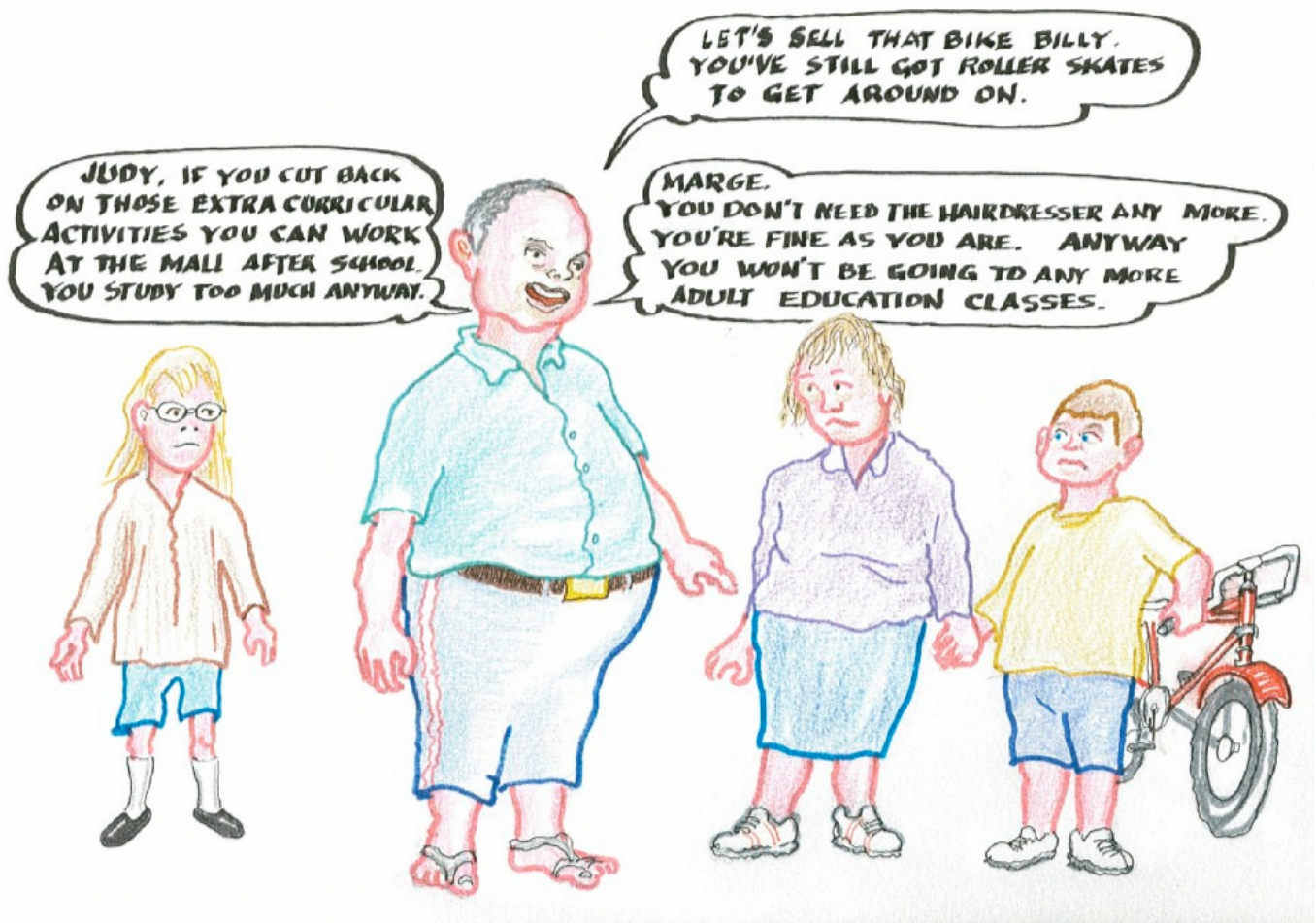


TEA PARTY PUNDITS INSIST THAT THE GOVERNMENT RUN ITS FINANCES JUST LIKE A FAMILY THAT MUST BALANCE ITS BUDGET.

**HERE THEN, IS THE REPUBLICAN MODEL FAMILY!**



**FACED WITH HOUSEHOLD COSTS EXCEEDING HIS SALARY, THE PATRIARCH ANNOUNCES HE'S QUITTING HIS JOB.**

**I've got to concentrate on the family budget. Besides, my employer shouldn't have to pay people like me who are distracted by personal finances. We'll just have to cut back on food, clothing, visits to the doctor, and other non-essentials.**

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