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Libertarian was early victim of D.C. sniper

A Libertarian candidate who was shot and wounded in Montgomery, Alabama in September was one of the first victims of the so-called Serial Sniper who terrorized the Washington, DC area for more than three weeks.

According to police reports, Kellie Adams, an LP candidate for county revenue commissioner, was shot on September 21 by one of the two men later charged with gunning down 13 people in Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland.

The Montgomery shooting — and physical evidence gathered at the scene — would later turn out to be the crucial clue that led police to eventually arrest the Serial Sniper and his young accomplice.

Adams — who is the wife of Lyn Adams, the LP's candidate for lieutenant governor in Alabama —



■ **Kellie Adams:** "I'm tough."

was shot on a Saturday evening outside a state-owned Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) store where she worked as a clerk. A co-worker, store manager Claudine Parker, was killed in the attack.

At the time, Montgomery police speculated that the shooting was a "robbery gone wrong."

Adams had been locking up the store for the night with Parker when the attack occurred. The bullet entered the back of her head and exited from her jaw, barely missing a major artery and her spinal column.

Later, Adams said she thought she had been "struck by lightning," and didn't realize that the shattering impact she felt was a bullet.

She was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors estimated she had only a 30% chance of surviving.

Released from the hospital on October 9 and now recovering from her

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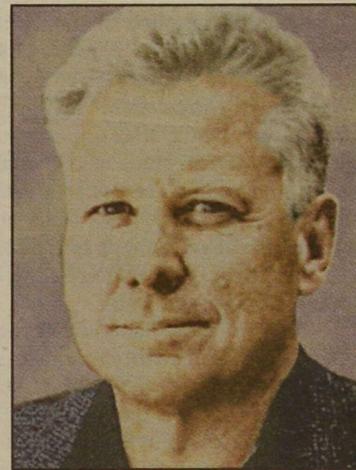
■ **Ed Thompson won 10.4% in his "common-man" campaign for governor of Wisconsin.**



■ **Vern Dahl was elected to the non-partisan Oceano Community Services District in California.**



■ **Carla Howell's initiative to end the Massachusetts income tax won a surprising 45.4% of the vote.**



■ **Bill Masters was re-elected sheriff of San Miguel County, Colorado with 100% of the vote.**

27 Libertarians win local races; three state initiatives fall short

By **Bill Winter**
LP NEWS EDITOR

Libertarians emerged from Election 2002 buoyed by a flurry of local wins, but stung by the defeat of three high-profile statewide initiatives.

On the positive side, 27 Libertarians were elected to local office in seven states, and Massachusetts LP candidate Michael Cloud set a new vote-percentage record for a U.S. Senate race.

In not-so-good news, three major Libertarian-led ballot initiatives — in Massachusetts, Arkansas, and South Dakota — were defeated, and several Libertarian candidates touted as pos-



sible winners fell short.

However, in Palm Beach County, Florida, a term-limits measure sponsored by local Libertarians roared to victory with almost 70% of the vote.

Overall, Libertarians "held our ground this election," said LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger. "There were no great leaps forward, but we set some new records, and did better than expected in a few places.

"We've had to deal with diminished financial resources for a year now, but still ran more candidates than ever, and our cumulative vote total will be much higher than in '98. Third parties historically don't do well in times of crisis or war, but we at least moved forward this year, albeit slowly."

In local election victories:

■ In Colorado, Bill Masters was re-elected as San Miguel County sheriff, while Bob Dempsey was re-elected as San Miguel County coroner in a partisan race, defeating a Republican.

"Sheriff Bill Masters won with 100% of the vote, since he was so popular nobody wanted to run against him," said Ari Armstrong,

publisher of the *Colorado Freedom Report*. "Bob Dempsey captured 78% of the vote for coroner of the same county (San Miguel).

"Those victories prove definitively that well-known candidates who are respected in their communities and qualified for their positions can win, regardless of party affiliation."

■ In California, at least eight candidates were elected in contested races for local, non-partisan offices: Vern Dahl (Oceano Community Services District), Eric Lund (Cordova Recreation and Park Board, Sacramento County), Ron Gabbart (Ready Springs Union School District), Melissa Manfre (Orangevale Recreation and

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BCRA changes LP's political landscape

By **Jonathan Trager**
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

On November 6, the political landscape changed dramatically for the Libertarian Party.

That's the day when the so-called "Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act" (BCRA) took effect.

Passed by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush in 2001, the BCRA effectively makes the Libertar-

ian Party's uphill political battle even steeper. A lot steeper.

Not only does the law change how the national LP can receive funds, it also means that many state parties will be forced to reorganize and register with the federal government, said former LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

"The impact of the BCRA on the Libertarian Party will be significant," he said. "In addition to eliminating some sources of revenue, it greatly

increases the administrative and regulatory burden on the party at all levels. It's a flat-out horrible law."

How will the BCRA affect the national Libertarian Party?

Prior to the BCRA, said Dasbach, the national LP was allowed to have



two types of federal accounts:

■ Federal "hard" money accounts, which could only accept contributions from individuals (and certain political committees) subject to strict annual donation limits.

■ Non-federal "soft" money accounts, which could accept unregulated — and almost unlimited — donations from any non-foreign source, including individuals and corporations.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Libertarian wins Nobel prize in economics

A libertarian has been awarded the 2002 Nobel Prize in economics for his pioneering work in "experimental economics."

On October 9, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences chose Vernon Smith, a professor of economics and law at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, to receive the award.

Smith, 75, is an originator of experimental economics, a discipline that observes economic behavior in controlled laboratory conditions.

Smith's selection was praised by libertarians. "[Smith] is a champion of individual liberty and market competition," said George

Passantino, public affairs director of the Reason Foundation. "Today is a great day for those who love liberty!"

A supporter of the Socialist Party as a young man, Smith said he later came to realize that "the best systems maximize the freedom of the individual, subject to the constraint of others in the system."

As a result, his political beliefs underwent a swing from collectivism to liberty, said Smith.

"The two votes that I've felt the most comfortable about casting were for [Socialist Party candidate] Norman Thomas in 1948 and [Libertarian Party candidate] Ed Clark in 1980," he said.

Smith serves on the Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics, is an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute, and is a research fellow and board member of the Mercatus Center. He has written or co-written 200 articles and books on experimental economics, capital theory, and finance.



■ **Vernon Smith: Experimental.**

New *Healing Our World* edition published

Mary Ruwart has published a new edition of *Healing Our World*, the popular introductory book about libertarianism that is targeted at liberals, new-agers, and Christians.

The new edition, available in late November, includes about 100 pages of new material, along with extensive revisions, said Ruwart.

"This updated edition [will] bring you an in-depth understanding of liberty and much more intellectual ammunition," she said.

The title of the book has even been changed slightly — from *Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle* to *Healing Our World: In an Age of Aggression* — to reflect the realities of the post-9/11 world, said Ruwart.

Along with examples of "how liberty works in real life," Ruwart said the new edition includes:

- The link between the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Pearl Harbor.
- Evidence that most new drug costs are due to FDA regulations.
- Data explaining why the distribution of wealth is more equal in countries with a history of liberty.

Healing Our World — originally published in 1993 by SunStar Press — was called "one of the most important books of the decade" by *Visions* magazine. The new edition costs \$24.95. For more information, or to order, visit: www.ruwart.com.

Activist Karen Fincher succumbs to cancer

A Libertarian political consultant and ballot access activist stricken with liver cancer has died.

On October 17, longtime LP member Karen Fincher passed away in her sleep in Appleton, Wisconsin. She was 55.

"Karen had multiple dreams and goals to enhance the future of the libertarian movement, and it's a real shame that she didn't live long enough to work on those dreams and goals," said her husband, Gary Fincher.

Gary and Karen Fincher, who worked together as professional petitioners on LP ballot drives for seven years, met during a Wisconsin term limits drive in 1995. As Director of Fundraising for Maurice McDonald's campaign for Land Commissioner in 1998, Karen Fincher raised over \$20,000 — still the benchmark for an LP campaign in New Mexico.

She was diagnosed with liver cancer in mid-September, a likely outgrowth of the hepatitis C she had suffered from for several years.

In November, *LP News* published a plea for donations so Fincher could pay for an experimental Chinese herbal treatment she believed might prolong her life. Fincher's insurance company would not pay for the treatment because it had not been approved by the FDA.

Gary Fincher said he hopes that his wife will be remembered for combining "pure and consistent libertarian ideals — and a can-do, roll-up-your-sleeves, get-the-job-done brand of activism."



■ **Karen Fincher: Get-the-job-done.**

Alabama Libertarian candidate was one of sniper's first victims

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injury, Adams is undergoing physical therapy several times a week, and suffers from nerve damage in her face, neck, and shoulder.

Unable to tilt her head, she has to drink through a straw.

From the beginning, Adams said she didn't think the assault was a robbery attempt because the assailant never demanded money.

"He didn't talk to us, and he didn't approach us," she said in an interview with the *Montgomery Advertiser*. "He went through my purse, but he didn't take anything."

Adams also didn't link the shooting to the sniper spree in the Washington, DC area that dominated national headlines for three weeks.

Instead, she told the *Boston Globe* that as she watched the news coverage about the sniper investigation from her hospital bed, she merely felt an emotional connection to the victims and their loved ones.

"I felt so sad for them and for the families," she said. "But I never thought it was connected."

Neither did police, who treated the ABC shooting as a bungled robbery — even though the assailant left the keys to the liquor store in the door, and never tried to enter.

Witnesses saw the shooter rummaging through the victim's purses, and police gave chase when they arrived.

Retrieve a fingerprint

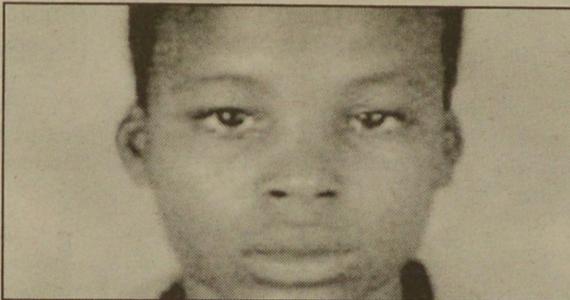
The fleet-footed criminal managed to get away, but police found a magazine he dropped, and were able to retrieve a fingerprint.

Witnesses were also able to provide a detailed description of the man, which allowed police to create a composite drawing. That image would later turn out to have "some very good similarities" to one of the two men charged with the Wash-

ington, DC sniper attacks.

But, at the time, police didn't link the ABC shooting — which was Montgomery's 22nd homicide of the year — with the high-profile killing spree taking place hundreds of miles to the north.

One of the reasons: Adams was



■ **Alleged "Beltway Snipers" John Allen Muhammad (top) and John Lee Malvo have also been charged with shooting Alabama Libertarian Kerrie Adams.**

shot by a .22 caliber handgun, a different weapon than the one used by the serial sniper.

It wasn't until October 20 that police began to put the pieces of the puzzle together.

On that day, an anonymous caller to the sniper task force's tip line — believed to be the sniper himself — told Maryland police to "take him seriously" and to "check with the people in Montgomery."

Now pointed in the right direction, the task force learned that the fingerprint taken from the ABC store crime scene belonged to John Lee Malvo. That crucial piece of evidence led police to Bellingham and Tacoma, Washington.

Malvo, 17, a Jamaican resident who was wanted for U.S. immigration

violations, had lived there with John Allen Muhammad, 42, an Army veteran and an expert shot with an M-16 rifle.

In another link between the two crimes, Fox News reported that the sniper had demanded that \$10 million be transferred to a credit card taken from one of the ABC store shooting victims.

The growing pile of evidence — and then a tip from a truck driver in Maryland — allowed police to arrest Muhammad and Malvo at a rest stop on Interstate 70 in Frederick County, Maryland, about 60 miles northwest of Washington, DC.

.223 ammunition

Police found in their car a semiautomatic rifle that fired the same .223 ammunition used in the deadly wave of shootings.

Muhammad and Malvo were initially arrested on federal firearms charges, but were later charged with

first degree murder for the sniper killings. They both face the death penalty.

They have also been charged with capital murder for the ABC store shootings in Montgomery.

Now, Adams said it is "kind of freaky" that there is a connection between what first appeared to be a routine "robbery gone wrong" in Alabama — and one of the biggest crime stories of the last century.

"It's kind of unnerving," she told the *Boston Globe*. "It's sad [the police] couldn't catch him before he went all the way to Maryland. There was no need for him to go kill children and fathers and bus drivers."

Despite her injuries, Adams showed up at the polls with her infant daughter, Brenda Lyn, on November 5 to campaign. She won 4,643 votes (9.1%) in the two-way race against the incumbent.

"I'm not going to let those morons who did what they did slow me down," said Adams. "I'm tough."

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The Mission Statement of the Libertarian Party: "To move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office."

Branding survey shows why people join LP; what they want as members; why they quit

The "typical" Libertarian Party member used to be a Republican. As a member, he — it's usually a he — wants the party to win more elections and become more influential.

And when he leaves the party, it's usually because he's short of money, or forgot to renew his membership.

Those are some of the preliminary results of a "branding" survey conducted by LP Marketing Director Mark Schreiber over the past few months.

The survey, administered via e-mail, quizzed more than 2,000 current and lapsed members, as well as people who had requested information about the party but did not join.

Some of the goals of the survey were to learn why people join the LP, why they stay, and why they leave, said Schreiber.

"My purpose was to identify why we have been losing members and to ascertain what our members want from us," he said.

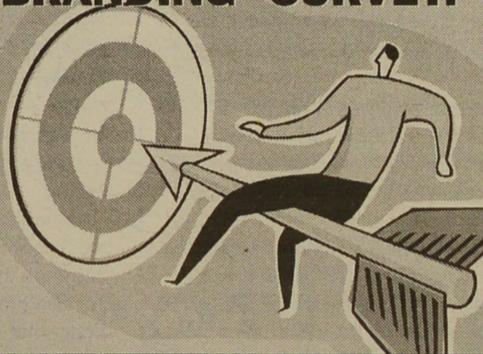
"Brand identity"

The long-term goal of the project is to establish a "brand identity" for the party, to help it better market itself to the American public:

In the future, Schreiber said he plans to conduct a survey of a wide range of Americans, compare those results to the internal survey, and then begin to propose broad themes

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE "BRANDING" SURVEY:

- 49%** Members who started as Republicans
- 2%** Members who started as Greens
- 24.1%** Former members who left the party because of "lack of money"
- 18.7%** Current members who primarily want the party to win more elections.



and a compelling message to "sell" the Libertarian Party to voters.

"We have a message that sells," he said. "We just need to get it out. We have a powerful message when properly presented."

Some highlights of the survey:

Before joining the LP, members said they had been Republican (49%), independent (21%), Democrat (12%), "always Libertarian" (9%), non-voters (4%), Greens (2%), or some other party (1%).

Current members said they joined the party:

- To make a difference, build the party, or "have libertarian ideas heard" (37.6%).
- To be with people "who believe as I do" (21.8%).
- To stay informed about issues and the party (4.4%).

Lapsed Libertarian Party members said they left because:

- Lack of money (24.1%).
 - Forgot or "didn't know I had to renew" (18.5%).
 - Plan to renew later (11.7%).
 - Some kind of party "scandal" or other organizational reason for not liking the LP (10.5%).
 - Lack of effectiveness (5.6%).
 - Decided he or she "wasn't a libertarian" (4.9%).
 - Too many requests for money (3.1%).
 - The LP is too anarchist (1.9%).
 - Don't like the LP's stance on the War on Drugs, or the 9/11 attacks, or war on terrorism (3.7%).
- "The good news [about lapsed members] is they still consider themselves Libertarians and we should be able to woo most of them back to

active membership," said Schreiber. "[Most] did not revert to old party affiliations or indicate a deep dislike for the LP."

What do members want more of from the Libertarian Party? The survey revealed:

- To win elections (18.7%).
- To build the party's influence and presence/acceptance (10.4%).
- To improve marketing and advertising, or to earn more media coverage (9.1%).
- To build and improve state and local LP organizations (6.9%).
- To increase party membership (5.7%).
- To "improve the party's image" (5.1%).
- To improve party "information flow" (7.6%).
- To "find ways to get me more

involved" (3.7%).

"Obviously, the desire to be credible is huge among our membership," said Schreiber. "We all want to belong to a respected organization. We want our views not only to be heard but to be considered and respected. We want electoral success."

"Winning elections is clearly the best medicine and the thing our members crave the most. But, also having a credible presence in the political dialogue is key to why members joined in the first place."

Strategic Plan

The branding effort is one part of the LP's long-range Strategic Plan, which was approved by the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) in October 2001.

Among other goals, the plan is designed to increase the number of Libertarians holding public office, increase the Libertarian Party's support base, and increase public awareness of, and support for, Libertarian ideas.

To achieve that, the LNC approved 20 political strategies, including Schreiber's work effort to "define, develop, and promote the LP brand."

"Of course, how soon we are able to move on to the next phase [of the branding effort] will be subject to LNC decisions, and budget considerations," said LP National Chair Geoff Neale.

Ed Thompson falls short in bid for Wisconsin governor

Wisconsin LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson was unsuccessful in his bid to become the nation's first Libertarian governor — but did win more votes than any third-party gubernatorial candidate in the state in 60 years.

In the November 5 election, Thompson won 10.4% — just over 183,000 votes — in the eight-way race for the state's highest office. Democrat Jim Doyle won 45.2% to win the seat, Republican Scott McCallum garnered 41.4%, and Green candidate Jim Young won 2.5%.

Thompson did win his home town of Tomah (55.9%) and Monroe County (45.4%).

"Common man"

Thompson, who stepped down from his position as the Libertarian mayor of Tomah to mount his "common-man" campaign for governor, expressed disappointment with the result.

"We didn't win, and that's really what I was hoping for," he said. "But



I'm grateful for all the support I did get from people across the state — 183,000 votes is a lot of votes."

That total makes Thompson the best-performing third-party candidate for governor in the state since Progressive candidate Bob LaFollette won the election for governor in 1942.

It was also the second-best result for a Libertarian gubernatorial candidate in LP history, second only to the 15% that Dick Randolph of Alaska received as the Libertarian candidate for governor in 1982.

The biggest factor that contributed to the election loss was a lack of campaign funds, said Thompson.

"Maybe I should have accepted PAC money for the campaign," he



■ Ed Thompson: "If I could have done television commercials, I'm sure that things would have turned out differently."

said. "If I could have done television commercials, I'm sure that things would have turned out differently. We didn't have the money that we needed to win."

Despite losing the election, Thompson
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Question 1 vote shocks Mass. political 'experts'

The LP-sponsored initiative to eliminate the Massachusetts income tax lost by a tantalizingly narrow margin in the November 5 election — making it "the biggest demonstration of support for a bold libertarian proposal in party history," according to state Libertarians.

With more than 99.9% of precincts reporting, a surprising 45.4% of Massachusetts voters cast votes for the initiative, while 54.6% opposed it.

Pre-election polls had predicted the measure — listed on the ballot as Question 1 — would lose by as much as 25 percentage points. Yet, in about 30% of localities across the Bay State, the initiative actually won.

LP gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell, whose Committee for Small Government (CSG) spearheaded the measure, said she was "ecstatic" with the result.

"A basic plank of the Libertarian Party Platform — ending the income tax — gets stunning support in Massachusetts, one of the biggest-government, highest-tax states in the



nation," she said. "That's absolutely remarkable."

The result showed that many Americans will support bold proposals to significantly ease their tax burden, said Howell, and that the media does not always reflect public opinion accurately.

Can't trust polls

"This just goes to show that you can't trust the polls," she said. "We showed the tax limiters that timid tax cuts — that allow slow growth of government — sometimes have less support than our bold tax cut [proposal]."

Massachusetts LP State Chair Eli Israel said the vote totals also sent
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POLITICAL NEWS

IRS's Section 527 is struck down by judge

A controversial federal rule that would have forced state and local political organizations to file reports with the IRS has been ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge.

Judge Richard Vollmer of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama struck down part of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 527 in late August.

In his 58-page opinion, Vollmer said the regulation overstepped the authority of the federal government because it "requires disclosures of contributions and expenditures in connection with state and local electoral advocacy."

The ruling is important, said Libertarian attorney Leonard Schwartz, because it means that state and local Libertarian organizations — and groups like the Libertarian Victory Fund, a Nevada-based political action committee — are not required to file with the federal government.

"This decision affects a lot of the state and local action organizations sprouting up in the Libertarian Party, although the IRS may simply ignore the ruling as it has done many times in the past," he said.

The ruling concerns a June 2000 addendum to the IRC that instructed political organizations to file with the IRS. It also required them to periodically report donor information to the federal government, including names, addresses, occupation, and employer.

The suit was the National Federation of Republican Assemblies v. United States. The Libertarian National Committee was listed as a co-plaintiff in the suit.

LNC creates new election advice committee

The Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (LNC) has created a new subcommittee that will offer advice on how to elect more Libertarians to local offices.

Proposed by at-large LNC member Don Gorman at the LNC meeting in Chicago on September 22-23, the idea was ratified by a vote of 8-7. LNC Chair Geoff Neale cast the tie-breaking vote.

The new steering subcommittee — which will offer suggestions to the party's political director — will be populated by Libertarians with a "proven track record of political success out on the political battlefield," said Gorman.

"The goal of the committee is simple: To help the national LP political director get Libertarians elected to office," he said. "I'll be looking for political hardballs who have won elections or have managed winning Libertarian campaigns to be on it."

Although Gorman did not offer specific names, he said he would approach Libertarians after the November 5 election.

National LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said he welcomed the opportunity to hear from the subcommittee.

"Although the board has not been staffed yet, I am interested in hearing what advice the members will have to dispense," he said. "Each person in the Libertarian Party can and should learn from others to benefit the organization."

Appointments to the subcommittee will be made at the LNC meeting in Washington, DC on December 14-15 [after LP News went to press]. The subcommittee will include up to five members.

LP starts search for new executive director

The Libertarian Party has launched a search for a new executive director.

The ideal candidate will have previous executive-level experience in a for-profit or not-for-profit organization, said Mike Dixon, the chairman of the search committee.

The LP executive director works in the party's Washington, DC headquarters, and reports to the LP national chair and the Libertarian National Committee (LNC).

Functioning as the "Chief Operating Officer" for the LP, the director is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the party; for hiring and supervising staff; for making policy and program recommendations to the LNC; and for complying with federal regulations.

The director is also responsible for preparing the party's budget, fundraising, member relations, and affiliate support.

The salary for the position is "commensurate with experience," said Dixon. The position is open immediately.

The new executive director will replace Steve Dasbach, who resigned effective November 18. Dasbach had served since 1998, and stepped down because of differences with the LNC over management, strategic, and tactical issues.

To apply, send resume and other information to Mike Dixon at: mdixonlp@earthlink.net.



■ Don Gorman: "Track record."

Talk radio host Jerry Hughes joins party for 'self-respect'

A syndicated talk radio host has joined the Libertarian Party, proclaiming that the LP is "the only party that is truly dedicated to reducing the size and scope of government."

Jerry Hughes, whose program is broadcast on the Accent Radio Network out of McAlpin, Florida, became a dues-paying LP member on October 30.

Hughes' show, Straight Talk, airs weekdays from 2-5 pm and is syndicated on 14 stations in eight states. He also hosts a weekend show called Conceived in Liberty that airs on Saturdays from 7-9 pm.

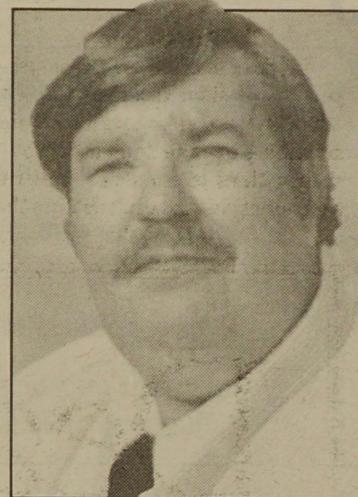
Hughes, 52, said he joined the party out of a sense of "self-respect."

Against the grain

"It's very important to me to associate myself with a party that stands firm in its convictions and does not mind going against the grain when it needs to do so," he said.

On October 30, Hughes called LP Communications Director George Getz in response to an LP news release that argued Americans shouldn't care whether Democrats or Republicans control Congress because both parties support bigger government.

According to Getz, the baritone-voiced talk show host — and former



■ Syndicated radio talk show host Jerry Hughes: "It's very important to me to associate myself with a party that stands firm in its convictions."

Democrat — said he was "simply disgusted" with how politicians from his party had turned the funeral of the late U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone into a political fundraiser. Wellstone was killed in a plane crash on October 25.

Hughes then informed Getz that the two men were live on the air, and asked whether Getz would like to try and persuade him to join the Libertarian Party.

"Calling George was a spur of the moment thing, not a publicity gimmick in any sense," said Hughes. "I had it in my mind that I was going to change parties before the sun went down, and I was just waiting to be sold on it."

Getz agreed, and spoke about how both major parties have conspired to erode freedom and privacy — and said only the Libertarian Party stands firm in the defense of individual liberty and personal responsibility.

Good salesman

"George hit a number of key points; he's a very good salesman," said Hughes. "It wasn't only what he said, it was the degree of conviction with which he said it."

After some discussion, Hughes said he would call the Republican National Committee and give an RNC spokesperson a chance to make a pitch for him to join the Republican Party, said Getz.

Getz suggested that Hughes, an ardent defender of civil liberties, ask the RNC spokesperson to explain why Republicans had voted overwhelmingly to reduce the privacy of Americans by increasing government surveillance powers in the USA Patriot Act of 2001.

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New York LP's demonstration against New York Times sparks national story

The Libertarian Party of New York turned a protest against the *New York Times* — which is trying to use the power of eminent domain to expand its corporate empire — into a national news story.

On October 20, about 40 Libertarians and other activists gathered in front of the *New York Times* headquarters to protest a plan to condemn an entire block of small businesses and apartments so the newspaper can build a new corporate headquarters.

The demonstration, designed to draw attention to an "unprecedented abuse of eminent domain" that Libertarians have dubbed "Times\$cam," did exactly that, with news coverage from nationally syndicated columnist Deroy Murdock and the Internet news service CNSNews.com.

Raise awareness

"I'm glad that we were able to raise awareness about this very important issue," said Manhattan LP activist Jim Lesczynski, who helped coordinate the protest.

During the protest, Libertarians blasted both the *New York Times* and the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), which has the power

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—Jim Lesczynski

to seize land for economic reasons.

The ESDC plans to seize an entire block along 8th Avenue, between 40th and 41st Streets, and rent it to the *New York Times* "at the expense of property owners, tenants and taxpayers," said Lesczynski.

"This plan is simply a case of the government helping the politically powerful at the expense of the less fortunate," he said. "I think that what the *New York Times* and the ESDC are doing is unconscionable."

According to the CNSNews.com

report, the state government signed a deal with the *New York Times* that requires the newspaper to pay \$85.6 million for a 99-year lease. The deal also includes about \$26 million in tax cuts for the newspaper.

As a result, critics charge that the *New York Times* will get the land for "pennies on the dollar."

52-story skyscraper

Now, the property owners are being forced to vacate the premises to make way for a new 52-story *New York Times* skyscraper, wrote CNSNews.com correspondent Jeff McKay.

"Property owners are also outraged that they had no say in what is happening to their businesses," he wrote. "They feel they are pawns, pitted against a government machine that plays favorites."

One such property owner is Sidney Orbach, the German landlord of a 16-story structure.

"It's so abusive, the tactics they are using," said Orbach. "When I came to America, I could never believe that this could happen here. To me, this is very reminiscent of Nazi Germany."

See **N.Y. TIMES** Page 5

New York Libertarians versus the *New York Times*

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Murdock, whose column is syndicated in about 150 newspapers by the Scripps Howard News Service, blasted the New York government and the Times for perverting the intention of eminent domain.

"The U.S. and state Constitutions allow officials to take private property for public purposes, provided the owners receive 'just compensation,'" he wrote. "The Founding Fathers

never envisioned government abusing this authority to transfer one owner's hard-earned land to the private portfolio of another."

Arrogance

Murdock also chided the newspaper for handling the situation with "characteristic arrogance," including describing the site in an article as "a shabby blend of sex shops, prostitution, loitering, and drug dealing that

scarcely welcomes the world to the new Times Square."

"No one would confuse this block with a boutique-lined stretch of Madison Avenue," he wrote. "Still, it houses stable businesses, some of which are fighting in court to stay put."

Libertarians who spoke at the rally included former LP State Chair Richard Cooper, James Eisert (2002 candidate for state comptroller); Nic

Leobold (candidate for State Senate), and LP gubernatorial candidate Scott Jeffrey.

"Corporate welfare and eminent domain abuses like that practiced by the *New York Times* threaten the rights and welfare of all New Yorkers," charged Jeffrey.

Jak Karako, a candidate for State Assembly, agreed. "When the looting starts, one never knows whose home or business is next," he said.

CORRECTIONS

In the November issue, *LP News* reported that the Georgia Women Against Gun Control had given its "endorsement" to four LP candidates. In fact, the group merely issued a "statement of support."

In the June issue, *LP News* reported that Hardy Macia had organized a Million Marijuana March in Burlington, Vermont. In fact, it was Denny Lane.

Radio host Jerry Hughes joins party

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Hughes then called the RNC and talked with a spokesperson for several minutes.

"The Republican spokesperson talked, but he really didn't say anything," said Hughes. "So the question became: Do I try to fool myself into believing that the Republican Party is the party of smaller government, or do follow what I know to be true?"

An hour after their phone conversation, Hughes called back to say he was now a dues-paying LP member, said Getz.

"I'm always pleased when the Libertarian Party gains a new member," said Getz. "If that person just happens to be a syndicated radio host like Jerry Hughes, so much the better."

National town meeting

Hughes' weekend show, *Conceived in Liberty*, was praised by Broadcast-America.com, which called it "a national town meeting, an ongoing civics lesson, and an open forum for ordinary citizens all rolled into one. The show educates American citizens about the nation's history and encourages participation in government at all levels."

The Ohio Valley Internet Service said: "Jerry Hughes possesses a classic radio voice: a smooth, yet powerful baritone which is instantly recognizable to his fans across the United States. Hughes uses his unique voice to spark public dialogue on critical issues affecting the lives of ordinary Americans — issues which are too often ignored by the inside-the-beltway commentators."

Hughes has had a syndicated radio program since 1993. He is married and has one son.

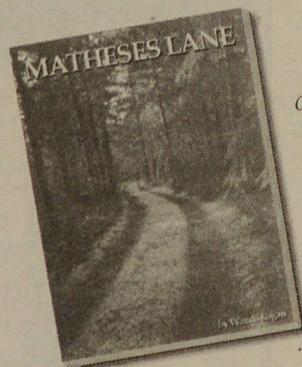
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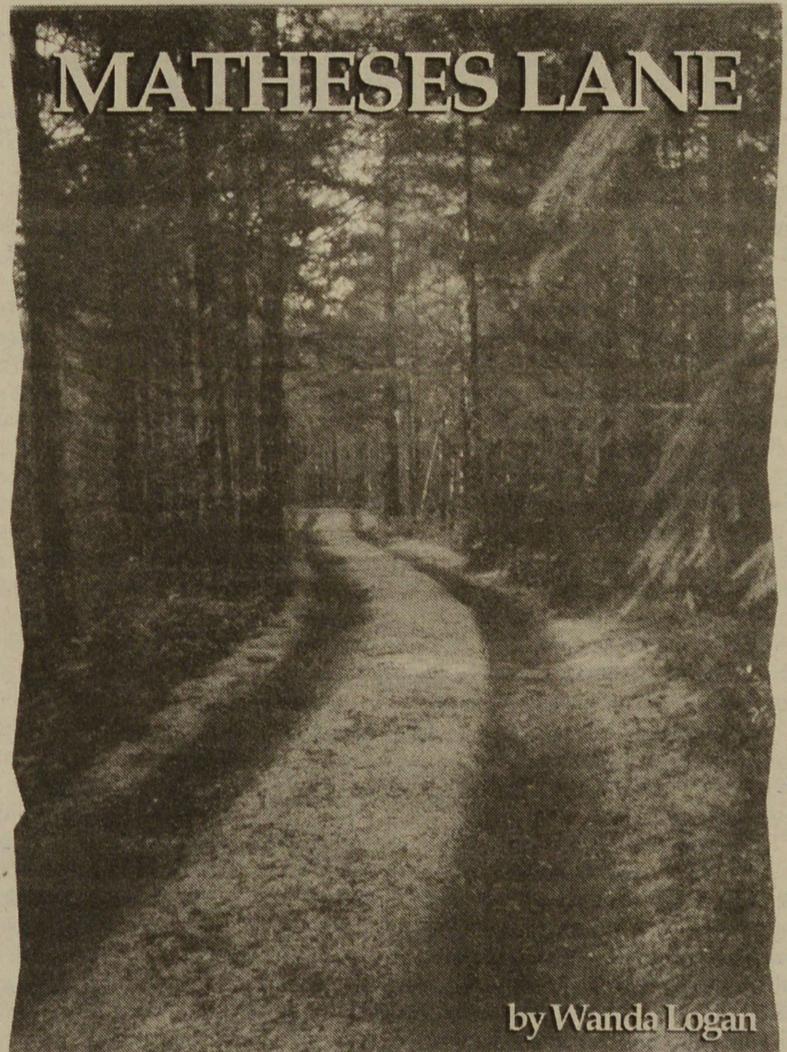
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TALKING POINTS

Where crooked politicians belong, and a poverty tourist's perspective

■ Tax dollars at work I

Percentage change in U.S. spending on border enforcement since 1995: +200

Percentage change since then in the estimated number of illegal immigrants living in the U.S.: +57

— **HARPERS**, October 2002

■ Tax dollars at work II

Navy personnel bought jewelry, attended ball games and even hired prostitutes at Nevada brothels with government funds, Congressional investigators have found in the latest examples of abuses in the Pentagon credit-card program.

— **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

October 9, 2002

■ Criminal politicians

The stock market keeps falling. It wasn't supposed to be that way: Congress supposedly fixed the economy when it made corporate executives certify under oath their companies' financial statements.

Naturally, legislators took full political advantage of the corporate scandals. "Put a few of these crooked CEOs in jail, prosecute them and pursue them endlessly," demanded Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.).

Even worse, however, is Congress' behavior. If there are books that are misleading, deceptive, and fraudulent, it is those of Uncle Sam. Just ask the Office of Management and Budget, which in February said this year's deficit would run \$106 billion, but five months later declared that it would be \$165 billion.

Last year OMB predicted that Uncle Sam would enjoy a surplus of about \$5 trillion over the coming decade. Now, says Washington, it will be less than a trillion dollars.

Look at the federal government's official numbers and you'd think it owes \$3.5 trillion — or \$6 trillion if you include intragovernmental debt. Actually, it's about \$36 trillion. Social Security flaunts a fraudulent trust fund and ignores a \$13 trillion unfunded liability. Medicare's unfunded liability is \$17 trillion.

Yes, let's put "crooked CEOs in jail." But let's toss in a few crooked politicians too.

— **DOUG BANDOW**

National Review Online

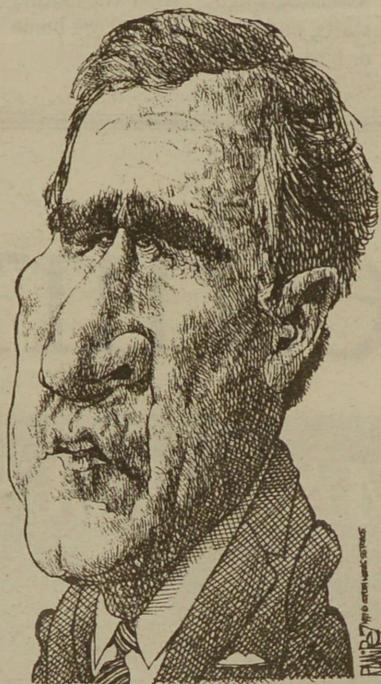
October 3, 2002

■ A veto zero

Number of bills vetoed by George W. Bush during his first 18 months in office: 0

Number of other U.S. presidents who have done this since 1850 besides Bill Clinton and Millard T. Fillmore: 0

— **HARPER'S**, September 2002



FREEDOM IS ONE of President Bush's favorite reasons for going to war. [But] the world will see America as the aggressor, shackling the minds of people around the world.

— **James Bovard**

■ Drugs and race

Today, African-Americans make up nearly two-thirds of those sent to state prison for drug offenses, according to Human Rights Watch. This despite the fact that white drug users outnumber African-Americans by more than five to one.

In 1996, African-Americans were 33 times more likely to go to jail for drug offenses than whites; African-American youths were 55 times more likely than whites to be sent to adult prisons for drug offenses.

— **JILL SOFFIYAH ELIJAH**

The Boston Globe

October 13, 2002

■ Exploiting tragedy

Gun control opportunists have wasted no time exploiting the [Washington, DC-area] serial sniper shootings.

Sarah Brady, bless her misguided heart, issued a statement on the

sniper shootings, which unmistakably implied that tighter federal gun control laws could have prevented the killings ("sensible gun laws can ... prevent gun violence").

She said that according to police, the shooter could be using one of four possible firearms, three of which are assault rifles — then warned that the federal assault weapons ban expires September 2004.

Putting aside the rampant disinformation out there about what constitutes an assault weapon, Mrs. Brady's argument is flawed. If the assault weapons ban didn't prevent these killings, presumably by an assault weapon, how do the killings logically argue for an extension of the ban?

— **DAVID LIMBAUGH**

TownHall.com

October 16, 2002

■ Freedom to kill

Freedom is one of President Bush's favorite reasons for going to war. In his September speech to the United Nations, Bush proclaimed: "Liberty for the Iraqi people is a great moral cause and a great strategic goal."

A day earlier, in his 9/11 anniversary speech from New York, Bush announced: "We fight, not to impose our will, but to defend ourselves and extend the blessings of freedom."

But a desire to spread freedom does not automatically confer a license to kill.

If the USA attacks the people of any foreign regime that refuses to swear allegiance to the latest U.S. definition of liberty, then the world will see America as the aggressor shackling the minds and wills of people around the world.

The more nations America attacks in the name of liberty, the more millions around the globe will perceive America as the greatest threat to both their peace and their ability to run their own lives.

— **JAMES BOVARD**

USA Today, October 9, 2002

■ Help vs. paperwork

\$239 billion: Value of the [charitable] work done by volunteers to the economy.

\$230 billion: Estimated annual cost to the public to complete [federal] paperwork.

— **SOUTHWEST AIRLINES SPIRIT**

October 2002

■ Retreating again

About the best that can be said about the Republicans on Social Security is that so far their retreat has been orderly.

A few of their congressional candidates have repudiated private in-

vestment accounts. Most of them are instead trying to execute a too-cute maneuver: disavowing the word "privatization" while leaving open the possibility of supporting private accounts.

Amid all this cowardly evasion and demagoguery, one can easily forget that a majority of the public actually favors private accounts.

— **NATIONAL REVIEW**

October 28, 2002

■ Poverty tourists

It's common for opponents of globalization to use the term as a catch-all for all the features of human life they don't like.

Let me tell you a story. Last year a Mayan friend who teaches anthropology in Guatemala took me to the Mayan highlands.

He told me that anthropologists from Europe and the United States who want to "study" the Indians complain that many Mayan women don't wear their beautiful and laboriously handmade indigenous clothing every day. That garb is increasingly reserved for special occasions, such as christenings and weddings.

The reaction of the visitors is almost uniformly one of horror. The Mayans are being robbed of their culture, they say. They are the frontline victims of globalization and cultural imperialism.

The visitors don't bother to ask the Mayan women why many of them don't wear traditional clothing, but my friend does.

The women tell him that they don't wear their handmade clothes because they have become too expensive. Now, what does it mean for handmade clothes to become too expensive? It means that the labor of a Mayan woman has become more valuable.

Instead of spending hours and hours at a hand loom making a shirt to wear, she can spend that time making the same shirt to sell to a lady in France and use the proceeds to buy three outfits — and eyeglasses, or a radio, or medicine against dengue fever. Or women can

make something else and still be able to buy more of the things they value.

They're not being robbed. They're becoming wealthier. And from their perspective, that's not a bad thing.

But from the perspective of what my friend calls the anti-globalization "poverty tourists," who like to take pictures of colorful poor people, it's a big disappointment.

— **TOM G. PALMER**

Cato's Letters, Fall 2002

■ God says no

Each year the U.S. government distributes \$50 million to states that agree to teach abstinence education — that is, sex ed that doesn't include any discussion of contraception. Louisiana's share of the bounty is \$1.6 million. To qualify for funding, groups must agree not to mix their just-say-no lessons with religious messages.

But an investigation found that one ministry had spent some \$73,000 on a radio show that teaches the Gospel, on a religious revival, and on a Christmas project that demonstrated how "God desires sexual purity as a way of life."

— **PLAYBOY**

October 2002

■ Death by regulation

On May 9, Sam Hussein, 60, owner of a San Francisco liquor store for 15 years, was gunned down at pointblank range as he tended the counter.

Hussein, a generous shopkeeper who immigrated to the United States from Palestine 30 years ago, died at San Francisco General Hospital shortly after the shooting. He left behind a wife and eight children.

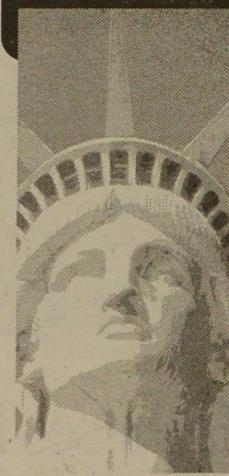
At first glance this homicide appears to be another example of random violence. But Hussein's family members believe government regulation killed their husband and father.

Two weeks before his death, the city of San Francisco forced Hussein to install surveillance cameras outside his store as part of the city's "war on drugs."

According to his son, Hussein did not want to comply. He did so after

"Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants."

— **THE BIBLE (LEVITICUS 21:10)**



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being told that if he didn't cooperate, his store would be closed as a public nuisance. The city thereby acquired another informant in its war on drugs. Predictably, those on the streets turned against this unwilling participant.

Two days before Hussein's murder, a man was shot and wounded in front of Hussein's store. The gunman fled. Hussein gave police the store's surveillance camera footage, thought to contain evidence of the shooting. Two days later, Hussein lay dead. Nothing was taken from his store.

The family and its attorney believe

Hussein was killed in retaliation for providing the videotape to police. Hussein's children contend their father would still be alive if the city had not forced him to install cameras to gather evidence.

"This shooting had everything to do with the Police Department and the city attorney," said Hussein's son, Hasan.

If the family is correct, Hussein's murder is a tragic example of death by regulation.

— **LAWRENCE J. MCQUILLAN**
Intellectual Ammunition
September/October 2002

■ Steel glut

Six months after President Bush raised tariffs on imported steel, the gambit has backfired on almost every front. Steel prices are up more sharply than Bush anticipated, luring mills around the world to produce more steel, worsening the glut.

— **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL**
September 13, 2002

■ Dumb investment

Spending billions in taxpayers' money each year to keep drug offenders locked up in prison has long been considered a smart investment

in public safety.

So smart, in fact, that the assumption supports a costly incarceration system in which the number of federal and state drug offenders imprisoned has surged during the past decade from 40,000 to 453,000.

But at a time when budgets have been hard hit by the recession, a new study raises questions about the wisdom of some states' prison spending. According to The Sentencing Project, three-fourths of the \$5 billion a year spent imprisoning drug convicts goes to confine people who've never committed a violent crime.

Based on Justice Department records and surveys, The Sentencing Project finds that:

■ 74% of those in state prisons for drug offenses have no convictions for violence.

■ 27% have been convicted of simple drug possession, not for selling or even intending to sell.

Yet under some state laws, non-violent offenders are serving 15 years or more at a minimum cost of \$50,000 for each new prison cell and \$20,000 a year for each inmate.

— **USA TODAY**
September 29, 2002

Party offers new medical marijuana ad

The Libertarian Party has created a new medical marijuana advertisement for LP candidates and activists, marking the next step in its ongoing "Drug War Focus" strategy.

The new 30-second ad, which features several medical marijuana patients, can be viewed at www.LP.org/av/mm2d2.ram (Real Video), or www.LP.org/av/mm2d2.wmv (Windows Media Player).

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said he hopes affiliate parties and future Libertarian candidates will use the commercial as a public relations tool.

"I would like to see Libertarians using it to reach that significant portion of the electorate who already agrees with us on this issue," he said.

The commercial, which is available in two versions, begins with several medical marijuana patients identifying themselves, listing their illnesses, and stating how they benefit from using the drug.

"Not politicians..."

The first version of the ad then shows text explaining the LP position on medical marijuana. It ends with a voiceover that says: "Doctors and patients should make healthcare decisions, not politicians... Vote Libertarian, the party of principle."

A second version comes without the text or voiceover, so it can be customized.

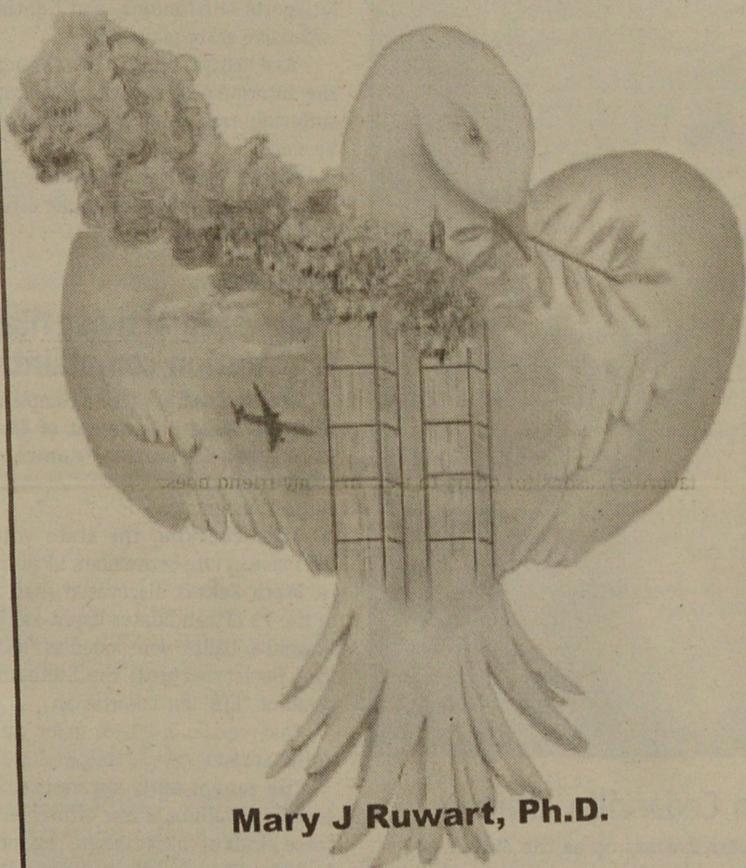
The LP created a previous medical marijuana commercial in August. That ad was broadcast by U.S. House candidate Carole Ann Rand in her campaign to help unseat Rep. Bob Barr in the GOP primary in Georgia.

Crickenberger used the new ad in his campaign for U.S. House (District 8) in October and November.

The ads are part of the LP's "Incumbent Killer Strategy," which seeks to remove the worst Drug Warriors from Congress. The strategy is one component of the Drug War Focus strategy, which has a goal of ending federal drug prohibition by 2010.

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AFFILIATE NEWS

Catching registration botch-ups, and record-smashing vote totals

■ COLORADO

Candidate is allowed student advertisement

It took some doing, but LP state legislative candidate **Randy Grant** won the right to bring his Libertarian message to Mesa Ridge High School students.

Grant, the Libertarian candidate in House District 19, had tried to place an ad in the school's newspaper requesting student volunteers for his campaign. However, the school denied him that opportunity, saying it had a policy of not allowing political ads in student newspapers.

Grant sent a letter to the Widefield board of education on September 17, challenging the school policy on First Amendment grounds, and said he would bring the issue up at the next board meeting.

The district subsequently reversed its decision and allowed Grant to buy the \$20 quarter-page ad.

"I figured it was a free-speech issue, that that decision was incorrect on their part," Grant said. "I'm glad they reversed it."

Grant ended up winning 4.32% of the vote in a three-way race.

■ COLORADO

Libertarians bid farewell to 'painful' Rick Stanley

Rick Stanley, the controversial 2002 Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate who was censured by the state party for "improper behavior," has announced that he plans to form a new third party in the state.

According to the *Rocky Mountain News*, the new party will be called the Unaffiliated Party of Colorado and it will "undoubtedly spread across the country," predicted Stanley.

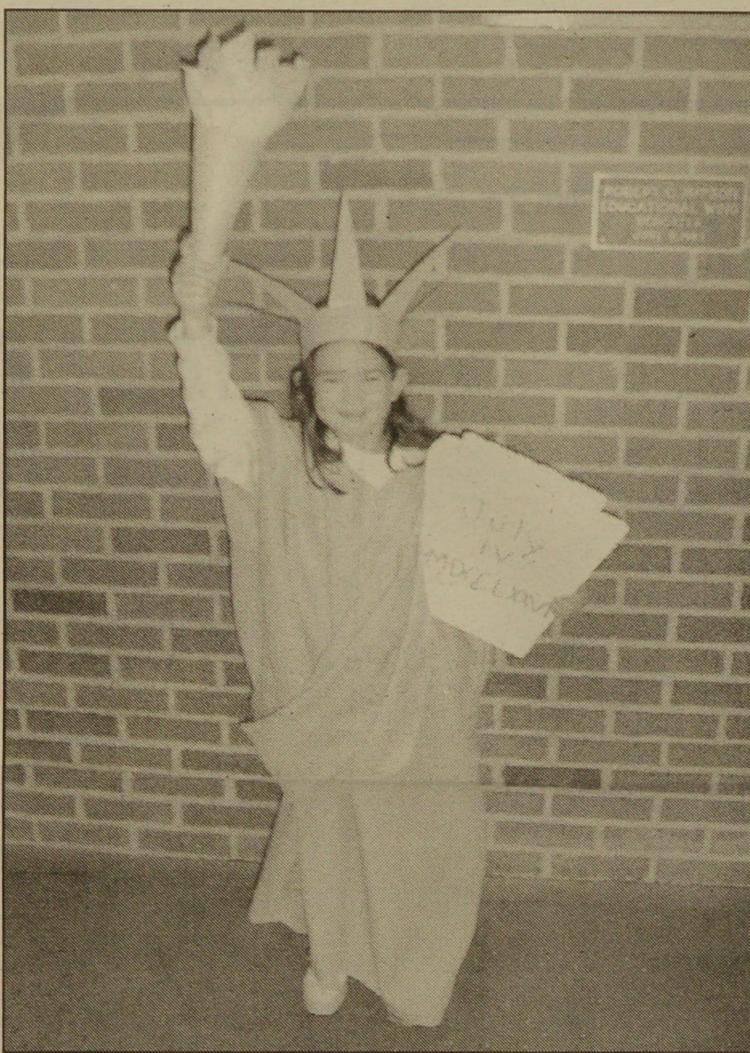
In August, Stanley was censured by the Colorado LP after he forwarded e-mails advocating the murder of government employees and mocking Mexicans. He also publicly stated that incumbent Senator Wayne Allard should be tried and "hung for treason."

Stanley's campaign focused on an "endless stream of ridiculous conspiracies covering everything from sperm count to jet vapor," noted **Ari Armstrong**, publisher of the *Colorado Freedom Report*.

Stanley received just under 1.5% of the vote in the election.

Many Colorado Libertarians said they were glad to see Stanley go. For example, LP activist **Doug Anderson** likened him to a kidney stone.

"[He was] painful to have, painful in passing, but you get over it," he said. "Frankly, I was concerned that he wouldn't resign."



Trick, treat, or liberty in Cedarville, Ohio

■ **Young Ohio libertarian Laurel Myers dresses up as the Statue of Liberty for Halloween.**

"I was not involved in the idea," said proud father **Carl Myers**. "She was looking through a book of costume ideas, and talked my wife into making the costume for her."

Laurel wore the ensemble to a party at her kindergarten class and then went out trick-or-treating on October 31 — much to the delight of the huddled masses yearning to give candy to the pint-sized Liberty.

"Everybody loved it," said her father. "Every person we walked by made a comment like, 'That's really neat; that's the cutest thing I've ever seen.'"

Carl Myers is a city council member in Cedarville, Ohio and secretary of the Ohio LP.

■ COLORADO

Margaret Denny relishes campaign achievements

Margaret Denny, the Libertarian candidate for Arapahoe county clerk and recorder, received "one of the best showings of any Libertarian Party candidate in Colorado state history" in the 2002 election.

Denny won 36.6% — or 49,542 votes — in the November 5 election against Republican candidate Tracy Baker, who was tarred by charges of sexual misconduct.

"I am thrilled and honored to have received such a large percentage of

the votes of the citizens of Arapahoe County for clerk and recorder," said Denny. "As a third party candidate in the state, I believe that such a showing is unprecedented."

During the campaign, Denny received the endorsement of the *Denver Post*, the *Aurora Sentinel*, and former Douglas County Chief Deputy Clerk and Recorder Kathleen Conway.

"I [want to] thank the Libertarian Party, which sprang into action when the opportunity presented itself, and provided incredible support, both with their efforts and with their checkbooks," said Denny. "It was an amazing response."

■ CONNECTICUT

Libertarian wins local board of education seat

A Libertarian Party member has been elected to a local board of education, and is determined to "return fiscal sanity and involvement" to the system.

On October 17, **Ken Mosher**, 39, won election to the Regional Hebron Andover Marlborough district board. He beat a single opponent to fill a vacancy by a vote of 27-14.

"[I feel] like I've just jumped into the gullet of some horrible beast!" said Mosher. "But I do feel privileged to be able to vote against any raise for the superintendent of schools."

Among Mosher's goals during the 2002-2003 school year are significantly cutting the number of non-teaching administrative positions in the system, making all extracurricular sports self-funding, and fighting expensive state mandates.

"And lastly, I hope to live through the interminable meetings without suffering irreparable brain damage!" he said.

Mosher, a software engineer, has run as a Libertarian for public office four times in the past.

■ FLORIDA

Eagle-eyed activist files registration complaint

Libertarians have filed a complaint with the State Department of Elections after discovering "unacceptable" errors in the state voter registration system.

After checking the state voter database in late September, LP activist **Mark Eckert** discovered that 15 of the 73 LP candidates listed on the November ballot were coded as "NRS" (Not Registered with the State) instead of "LIB" for Libertarian.

That equals a 20.5% error rate, noted Eckert.

"We cannot fairly determine the success or failure of our efforts with these kinds of inaccuracies," he said. "A 20% error rate is not reasonable."

Worried that the state could be making similar errors with registered Libertarians, Eckert wrote to the DOE in early October, identifying the problem and requesting a resolution.

"I think the errors are probably due to an inept bureaucracy, and not due to intentional discrimination," he said. "Nevertheless, it's important that such errors are cleared up so we are able to reach out to registered Libertarians effectively."

■ FLORIDA

Libertarian debuts new radio show on Internet

In an attempt to reach new people with the libertarian message, a Jacksonville Libertarian has begun broadcasting a new Internet radio show.

The program, called Chaos Prophet, is dedicated to "chronicling the rise of the Nanny State and the erosion of individual liberty," said show creator and host **Adam Nathaniel Davis**.

"The show is deeply rooted in libertarian ideals," he said. "I think the Internet is another avenue to reach

a lot of people, and hopefully gain a national or international audience."

The first episode of the program, which deals with launching a preemptive military strike on Iraq, is available for listening at: www.chaosprophet.com. At the website, interested parties can join the show's discussion group or sign up for the mailing list.

The vice chair of the Jacksonville LP, Davis is also a candidate for Jacksonville city council. That election will be held in April 2003.

■ FLORIDA

State party celebrates record-smashing vote

Florida Libertarians won nearly half-a-million votes in the 2002 elections, setting a new record in the state.

Thanks to Operation Full Slate, the LP recruitment effort that enlisted over 70 candidates to run for the Florida House — including 42 candidates who were in two way races — LP candidates at all levels received a combined total of 491,676 votes.

"Historically, Florida house elections are held in only a fraction of the districts [because] most candidates win by default," said LP State Chair **Frank Longo**. "[The election results] show that a large number of Floridians responded to [the Libertarian] choice."

The record-setting number of votes have also energized Florida LP activists, said Longo.

"Our resolve and activism are at high levels," he said. "We are learning how to use the process, how to reach the voters, and how to craft a message that the public will respond to. We are also a source of political opinion [for] local media."

■ FLORIDA

Swimsuit law may result in 'police with rulers'

Daytona Beach Libertarians have dressed down local lawmakers for proposing an ordinance that would outlaw skimpy swimwear.

Introduced in late September, the

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ordinance would require that a woman's bathing suit cover at least one-third of her buttocks and at least one-quarter of her breasts. Exhibitionistic violators would face a fine of up to \$500.

But LP treasurer **Edward Heaphy**, who brought a petition opposing the ordinance to City Hall signed by about 2,000 people, said the ordinance oversteps the bounds of the city council's authority — and would force women to wear "1950's-style" bathing suits in public beaches.

"This is a highly restrictive ordinance limiting what people will be allowed to wear in Daytona Beach," he said. "It brings up images of police with rulers measuring bathing suits."

Furthermore, Heaphy said the proposed ordinance would negatively impact the two local night clubs that currently offer nude dancing, probably forcing such establishments to close down.

■ ILLINOIS

University Libertarians protest war against Iraq

Libertarians at the Champaign/Urbana campus of the University of Illinois are starting to "speak out" against the looming war with Iraq.

On October 7, LP activists demonstrated and handed out flyers at the Student Union to challenge the "illegal war on Iraq [that is] designed to distract from the president's domestic troubles," said **Philip Lowman**, head of the campus Libertarian club.

The rally was co-sponsored by the Muslim Student Association, A.W.A.R.E., the Democratic Solidarity Committee, and the Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative.

In addition, Libertarians co-sponsored an October 20 speech by Antiwar.com editorial director Justin Raimondo, entitled "War in Iraq: A Giant Step on the Road to Empire."

"We feel it's important for Libertarians to speak out against the war because it is not morally justifiable," said Lowman. "Attacking Iraq will cost the lives of tens if not hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians, as well as the lives of American soldiers."

■ ILLINOIS

Libertarian nickname wins final legal battle

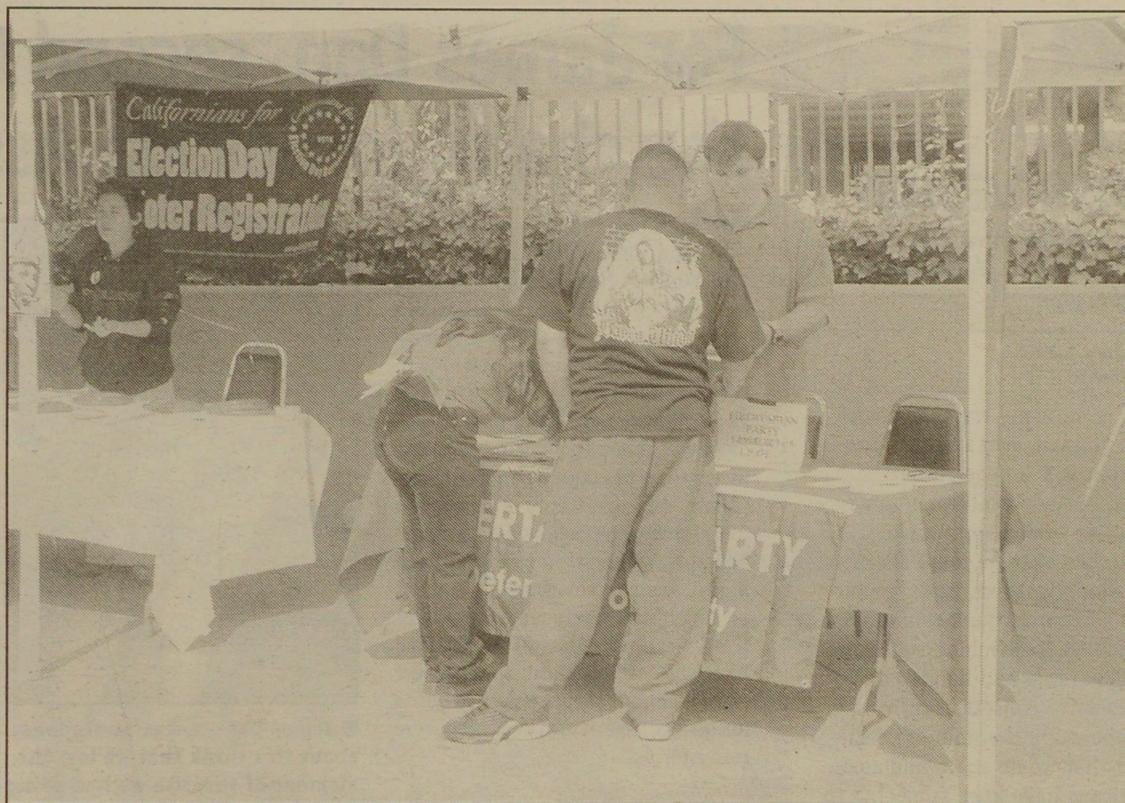
After a last-minute legal skirmish, Libertarian U.S. House candidate **Stephanie "Vs. The Machine" Sailor** finally won the right to have her unusual nickname appear on the election ballot in Illinois.

On October 22, a Cook County judge upheld a prior State Board of Elections (SBOE) order that County Clerk David Orr reinstate the politically charged nickname.

Orr had removed the certified nickname from the ballot in early October saying it went "too far," and was a form of political advertising.

However, the Illinois State Board of Elections (SBOE) unanimously agreed that Sailor's nickname did not violate state election law, which permits candidates to list their nicknames on the ballot.

"It's my identity," said the 29-



Libertarians reach out at California student Political Awareness Expo

■ **Philip Heath**, a member of the California LP Executive Committee, staffs a booth at the California State University (Los Angeles) Political Awareness Expo October 17.

Heath, who was joined by fellow California Libertarian **Dave Hollist**, registered new Libertarian voters, distributed LP information, and answered questions about the party.

"Phillip handed out many party brochures," said Hollist. "Only one flyer was picked up from the walkway — one measure of success."

The warm response from the students and the good weather "made for a most enjoyable day," he said.

The one-day event was sponsored by UCLA's Associated Students, Inc. as an opportunity for students to learn about the "many political options they have available to them."

year-old Sailor, adding that the name shows she is "truly an average citizen fighting against The Machine."

Sailor earned 3% of the vote — or 4,779 votes — in the District 9 election against Democratic incumbent Jan Schakowsky and Republican challenger Nicholas Duric.

■ INDIANA

LP: Was post-tornado seatbelt check needed?

Libertarians have blasted the Marion County Sheriff's department, charging that the agency was using a natural disaster to generate revenue for the local government.

In the wake of tornadoes that devastated the area on October 11, police "inexplicably" set up a seatbelt checkpoint to stop drivers on busy streets that were partially blocked by fallen debris, said LP Executive Director **Brad Klopfenstein**.

"Adding to the traffic congestion makes no sense, and could lead to more accidents as people are both frustrated and driving faster to make up for lost time," he said. "If this were a business, people would be screaming about profiteering at the expense of disaster victims."

Furthermore, said Klopfenstein, wearing a seatbelt is a personal choice that doesn't affect other people — and should not be subject to a \$25 fine.

"The seat-belt law is all about money and power," he said. "Why is the state socking drivers and passengers with a \$25 fine for something that causes no accidents? Don't these deputies have some looting they could be trying to prevent?"

■ NEW JERSEY

Libertarians turn in election reform ideas

Hoping to make the state's political process more inclusive for third parties, Libertarian leaders have provided electoral reform suggestions to the state Law Revision Commission.

On September 4, LP State Chair **Emerson Ellet** sent comments to the commission regarding its "Tentative Report relating to Election Law."

Among the suggestions made by the LP was changing the official definition of a political party; giving third-party candidates the chance to have their names listed at the top of an election ballot; putting minor-party representation on the Commission on Elections; opposing a state-wide voter registration database tied to the Department of Motor Vehicles database; and allowing for same-day voter registration in the state.

Although LP recommendations to state commissions in the past have not been well received, Ellet was optimistic about the chance to affect New Jersey election law.

"Perhaps the Law Revision Commission will treat us differently," he said.

The commission promised to consider the comments and potentially include them in its final report to the legislature.

■ SOUTH DAKOTA

Party 'deeply regretted' LP candidate's decision

A decision by an LP U.S. Senate candidate to throw his support to his Republican opponent was disavowed by the state party, which said it "deeply regretted" the move.

On October 27, Libertarian **Kurt Evans** announced he was suspending his campaign and supporting Republican Congressman John Thune, who was locked in a neck-and-neck race with Democrat Tim Johnson.

Evans said Thune was a "man of integrity" and "the best candidate in the race."

In response, the state LP's executive committee issued a statement distancing itself from Evan's decision.

"The party is disappointed that Mr. Evans has made this decision," said the committee. "We wish to make it clear that the Libertarian Party does not endorse either of the two incumbents seeking the seat for which Mr. Evans is a candidate."

"And we still believe that Mr. Evans would far more capably represent our great state than either of his opponents. We urge all South Dakota voters to vote for Mr. Kurt Evans because he is the best man for the job."

Evans' departure ended up having

little effect: Johnson won the election with 50% of the vote, while Thune won 49%. Evans garnered 1%.

■ TEXAS

Tongue-in-cheek, party asks for ballot spots

In a tongue-in-cheek spoof of the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling on the case of U.S. Senator Robert Toricelli, Libertarians asked the state to allow them to add 100 candidates to the ballot just prior to Election Day.

Such an action would give voters choices in races that had only one announced candidate, said LP Political Director **Robert "Rock" Howard**.

"Certainly giving the voters 100 more choices on the November ballot trumps the Texas Election Code in the same manner that the New Jersey Election Code was set aside for the sake of voter choice," he said.

"We can't afford to have one-third of our Texas State Representatives and almost one-third of our Texas State Senators elected in campaigns where Texas voters are given only one choice. That smells too much like the old one party 'elections' in Communist Russia."

Toricelli, who had been reprimanded by the U.S. Senate for taking illegal campaign contributions, abruptly ended his bid for re-election after the legal deadline to name a replacement.

However, in apparent violation of state law, the state Supreme Court ruled that the Democratic Party could replace him with Frank Lautenberg on the ballot to "preserve the two-party system."

The Texas government did not grant the Libertarian request.

■ WYOMING

29,000 votes earns the LP 'major party' status

LP secretary of state candidate **Marie Brossman** earned the Libertarian Party "major party" status in Wyoming by receiving 17% of the vote in the 2002 election.

Brossman's 29,000 votes amounted to considerably more than the 10% threshold required to qualify a party for major party status, said **Dave Dawson**, Wyoming LP spokesman.

The results were certified by the secretary of state on November 18.

Brossman, who is the wife of LP State Chair **Dennis Brossman**, said she had "mixed feelings" about the result.

"It's pretty exciting — but also some of us Libertarians are pretty leery about it," she said. "We don't want people joining the party who aren't Libertarians who then can influence how the party operates."

As a major party, the LP will now nominate candidates via primaries open to all registered Libertarians, instead of by a state convention.

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THE REVIEW

Clueless on conservation

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Reviewed by Jay Lehr
THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE

Why *Energy Conservation Fails* is, in many ways, the most readable book on economics you will ever read. It is so innovative and fascinating that it is a page-turner.

Dr. Inhaber uses basic economic theory coupled with human nature to prove in dozens of ways that no artificial coercive strategy aimed at conserving anything can ever succeed. Through simple prose, supplemented with detailed illustrations and ample calculations, he makes his premise as certain as the law of gravity.

In making his case, Inhaber stands on the shoulders of giants of the past. These truths have been illustrated and handed down for centuries ... and yet the folly of coercive conservation runs rampant today. Sadly, those who do not study the failures of the past are destined to repeat them, and that we do again and again.

Over the past two decades, Americans have been subjected to an unprecedented barrage of government edicts telling them to save energy, water, natural resources, and many other substances.

If we trade in a large car for a small one, surely we use less gasoline ... or do we? If cars are smaller and driving is cheaper, families may own two cars instead of one, and they will drive more miles with their cars. The counterproductive end result is that people will ultimately use more gasoline. Simple economic reasoning makes it clear: When the price of a commodity falls, more of it will be used than if its price had remained constant.

Conservation on a national scale does not and cannot exist. In the case of gasoline, its use has risen, not fallen, since the imposition of strict mileage standards in the late 1970s. According to those who advocated those laws, gasoline use should have declined.

In our homes, when we attempt to save electricity through improved insulation, our electric bill goes down ... so we tend to use more electricity in other ways, such as by raising our temperature in the winter or lowering our temperature in the summer.

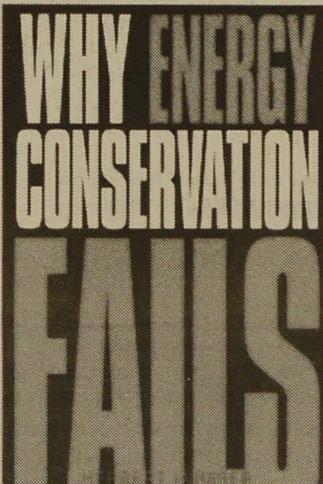
Inhaber points out that Karl Marx made a similar mistake when he reasoned that capitalism would fail when production efficiency increased, thereby making many employees redundant. He failed to see that with increased efficiency comes a decline in the effective price of a service or commodity and that in the face of a lower price, increasing demand will require more workers.

The statues of Karl Marx have come down all around the world, but the conservationists who say that saving a kilowatt hour will reduce the total amount of energy we use still have a loyal following. Inhaber feels strongly that their efforts should be — and can be — thwarted by teaching simple economics to coercive conservationists.

Inhaber explains clearly how conservationists have always assumed that man would run out of this or that resource, though it never happens. Why? Because brainpower followed by improved technology leads to better ways to find and refine everything or to replace it with even better substitute materials in even greater abundance. Fiberglass, for instance, is formed from silica dioxide, the most abundant mineral in the Earth's crust.

These examples are but a small illustration of the meticulous and comprehensive manner in which Dr. Inhaber disassembles the ill-fated do-gooders' desire to conserve a wide variety of resources that never were, are not now, and never will be in short supply. They overlook at every turn man's indomitable intellectual creativity, which allows him to expand or replace every imaginable resource.

■ **About the reviewer:** Dr. Jay Lehr is Science Director for the Heartland Institute in Chicago, Illinois. This review reprinted from the November 2002 issue of Environment & Climate News.



For James Dan, second time is not the charm in Nevada Assembly race

The element of surprise. That's what James Dan says he lost. And it caused him to lose his bid for a seat in the Nevada legislature.

Dan received 34.8% of the vote against Democrat Vonne Chowning in the race for State Assembly (District 28) on November 5.

It was about 10 percentage points worse than in 2000, when the Libertarian had come tantalizingly close to upsetting the incumbent. Dan had hoped to build on that strong showing — and win this time around.

But it didn't happen.

"I feel pretty lousy about it," said Dan. "Basically, I think that we lost the element of surprise we had going for us last time. This time, they were ready for us."

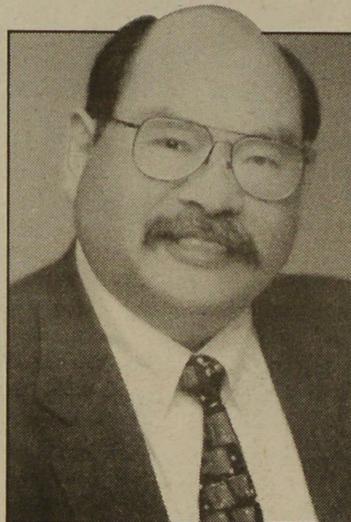
Best-performing

In 2000, Dan had shocked the Nevada political establishment by winning 45.3% of the vote in a two-way contest, making him the best-performing LP legislative candidate in that election cycle.

He also won the highest vote percentage for any third-party Assembly candidate in Nevada since the 1910s, according to *Ballot Access News* publisher Richard Winger.

His success spurred Dan to launch a second campaign against Chowning in 2002. The two faced off in the slightly restructured North Las Vegas district.

But armed with the knowledge that she was facing a strong competi-



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tor, the Democrat ran a much more vigorous campaign, said Dan. She aggressively wooed her base and launched an effective get-out-the-vote effort on Election Day.

The liberal incumbent also positioned "herself to the far right of the political spectrum," said Dan, and declared herself a "fiscal conservative" in a televised debate.

In addition, Chowning's campaign issued a last-minute hit piece, charging that the Libertarian Party "opposed censorship, even in the case of pornography," said Dan. By contrast, the Democrat claimed she was



a supporter of "family values."

Despite Dan's energetic campaign — he went door-to-door in an effort to meet as many of the district's 10,800 registered voters as possible, sent out several promotional mailings, and organized his own get-out-the-vote drive — he was unable to close the gap.

But if nothing else, the result was educational, said Dan.

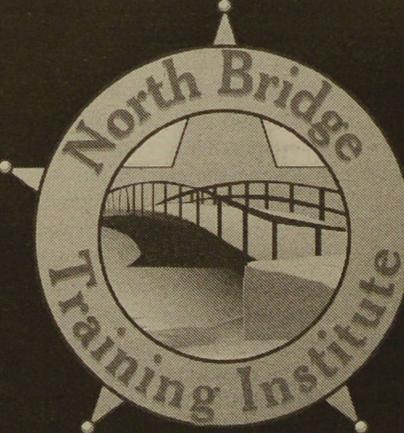
Learned some lessons

"Even though I didn't win, I think this campaign was a worthwhile experience in that I learned some lessons from it that I think might be valuable to Libertarian candidates down the line," he said.

For example, instead of trying to surprise a major-party opponent a second time, the party should consider targeting complacent incumbents who don't believe a third-party candidate can mount a serious challenge, said Dan.

As for his political future, Dan said he is not sure what he will do next.

"Right now, I just need some time to sit out and recover," he said. "But who knows? Maybe I'll run again after 2004."



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Term limits measure passes in Palm Beach, Florida

A Libertarian sponsored term limits measure in Palm Beach, Florida was overwhelmingly approved by local voters — proving that “Libertarians can win” when they pick their battles.

The initiative, which caps county commissioners at eight years, won by a landslide margin of 70% to 30% on November 5. County commissioners are elected to four-year terms.

That result makes the initiative

“probably the most successful LP electoral effort in state history,” said local LP activist Phil Blumel.

“When you choose your battles wisely, Libertarians can win,” he said. “This victory, like the near victory with the anti-income tax initiative in Massachusetts, shows that the referendum process is an effective way for libertarians to affect public policy.”

LP State Chair Frank Longo agreed that the prudent selection of the term



limits issue was key to the measure's success.

“I think voters are very tuned-in to this issue,” he said. “The public

has traditionally reacted well to these types of ‘good government’ initiatives. We're all very excited.”

The victory marked the end of an effort that was launched 22 months ago, when LP activists Blumel, Rick Shepherd, and Karl Dickey agreed to organize the campaign.

After submitting 55,000 signatures to qualify the initiative for the ballot, the campaign attracted more than 200 volunteers and contributors,

and raised over \$60,000.

“Term limits are a winner with voters, so once the ballot hurdles and legal challenges were won, the campaign was home free,” said Blumel.

700,000 voters

Palm Beach County is located 30 miles north of Ft. Lauderdale. It has about 700,000 registered voters.

To help retire the initiative campaign's \$7,000 debt, send a check payable to PBC Term Limits Committee to: PBC Term Limits Committee, c/o George Blumel, 316 N. Country Club Drive, Atlantis, FL 33462.

Ed Thompson falls short in Wisconsin bid

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son said he came out of the contest having learned a lot about the political system.

“It was an eye-opening experience to see how career lobbyists and career politicians work hand-in-hand to hoodwink the public,” he said. “I'm proud to have gone head-to-head against the political establishment.”

Thompson, the younger brother of former Wisconsin governor and current Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, kicked off his campaign in November 2001.

Over the next year, his campaign received a barrage of media coverage, including regular exposure in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and the *Capital Times* (Madison). He was also featured on Wisconsin Public Television, the Fox News Channel, and the *Today Show*, and in the *Washington Post* and *New York Times Magazine*.

He appeared in two of five televised debates — bashing the “Republicrats” and touting his message of lower taxes, education reform, and ending government corruption.

Great time

“I want to express my thanks to the countless volunteers and contributors who helped make this campaign the most successful third-party campaign for Wisconsin governor in 60 years,” said Thompson. “I had a great time meeting voters.”

Thompson also hinted that he may make another run for office in the future, although he said he needed time off to recover from the grueling campaign season.

“We built a great base for any Libertarian who comes after me, and I will still be a voice here,” he said. “I'm going to continue to be a thorn in the side of the Republicrats. I'm not going anywhere.”

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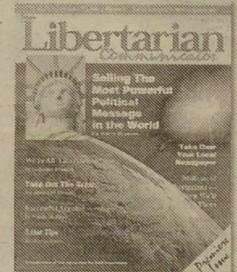
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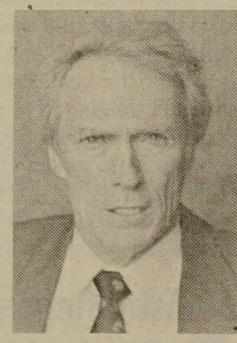
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Republican control equals more spending

Now that Republicans control both houses of Congress and the presidency, Americans should brace themselves for an era of skyrocketing federal spending, Libertarians say.

"With a GOP Congress egging him on, George Bush is going to make Bill Clinton look like a fiscal conservative," predicted LP Communications Director George Getz.

"Even when Republicans controlled only one house of Congress, Bush managed to sign the first \$2 trillion-plus federal budget and throw more money at Clinton-era programs. With complete congressional control, expect Bush to go on an absolute spending rampage."

As GOP officials celebrate their resounding victory in the November 5 election, in which Republicans expanded their House majority and reclaimed control of the Senate, the White House is planning to "roll out an ambitious legislative agenda."

Unfortunately for taxpayers, that agenda won't include a reduction in government, said Getz.

"Bush's \$2 trillion budget is already scheduled to expand by 6% this year," he said. "Moreover, social welfare programs under Bush have grown by \$96 billion in just two years, versus \$51 billion under six years of Clinton, according to the Club for Growth."

Now that Bush has more members of his own party in Congress, Americans should expect the spending binge to continue, said Getz.

"Since no newly-elected Republicans have pledged to eliminate any Bush programs, it's clear that two more years of George Bush equals two more years of bloated federal spending," he said.

Monkeying with our money

A plan by the National Institutes of Health to spend \$24 million on a retirement facility for chimpanzees shows why America needs a separation of science and state, Libertarians say.

"This Club Med for monkeys illustrates how easy it is for government bureaucrats to go bananas with other people's money," said George Getz. "Amazingly, these chimps will get better treatment in their golden years than the chump taxpayer."

To house 800 chimpanzees that were "retired" after being used in experiments, the National Institutes of Health has created "Chimp Haven" in Louisiana. The cost to taxpayers: \$24 million over 10 years.

But the plan proves that even relatively non-controversial programs such as medical research need to be taken out of the hands of government, said Getz.

"Who would have imagined that an agency created to find cures for cancer and AIDS would end up building a \$24 million monkey house?" he asked. "Any private research organization that pulled a stunt like this could be punished by donors. But it's a lot harder to withhold funding for a government program, because the 'donors' are taxpayers who don't have a choice."

It's time to put an end to such baboondoggles, said Getz.

"Let's retire the politicians who signed off on the NIH's \$27 billion budget," he said. "Lock them away in Chimp Haven, where they'll be unable to continue their gorilla war against the taxpayer."



Ballistic fingerprinting won't stop criminals

Demands for a federal ballistic fingerprinting law should be rejected, Libertarians say, because such a measure is unlikely to stop a madman like the Beltway sniper — and could even turn innocent Americans into criminal suspects.

"Ballistic fingerprinting is completely full of holes," said George Getz. "Criminals will circumvent it, as they do with every other gun law, while innocent Americans will pay the price."

Currently, two states mandate ballistic fingerprinting for handguns. The process involves firing a gun before it is sold and keeping a record of the unique markings (or fingerprint) scratched onto the bullet as it travels through the barrel. The purpose is to trace the bullet from a crime scene back to the gun from which it was fired.

In the wake of the sniper shootings that terrorized the Washington, DC area, gun-control proponents have demanded a national ballistic fingerprinting law, and other "sensible" gun laws.

"The trouble with so-called 'sensible gun laws' is that they make no sense," said Getz. "Americans know that a cunning serial killer won't walk into a gun store, produce a valid ID, and buy a firearm that can be traced to him. The American people have been scared by the sniper killings, but they're not scared senseless."

Targeted by big-government forces, Arkansas LP tax-repeal initiative fails

In a stunning upset that defied all the pre-election polls, a Libertarian-sponsored anti-tax initiative in Arkansas went down to defeat on November 5.

The initiative — a constitutional amendment to abolish the state's 5.125% tax on food and over-the-counter medicine — won only 39% of the vote, while 61% of Arkansas voters opposed it.

Had it passed, the so-called "Ax the Tax" measure would have saved state taxpayers between \$200 million and \$400 million per year.

The vote was a shocking turn-about from August, when a poll conducted by Opinion Research Associates, Inc. showed that 72% of state residents favored the initiative, while only 23% opposed it.

Nevertheless, the state Libertarian Party benefited enormously from the "Ax the Tax" campaign, said LP State Chair Gerhard Langguth, who wrote the initiative.

Increased visibility

"I have no regrets about doing this at all, and I think we greatly increased the visibility of the Libertarian Party in Arkansas," he said. "The party went from tee-ball to game seven of the World Series — that's monumental progress."

What explained the abrupt U-turn in voter support from August to November?

An aggressive campaign — fueled by a half-million-dollar war chest — by "government forces," who

"I HAVE NO regrets. I think we greatly increased the visibility of the Libertarian Party in Arkansas."

—Gerhard Langguth

mounted a huge negative advertising campaign against the measure, said Langguth.

Leading the charge against the initiative was a group called Arkansas to Protect Police, Libraries, Education and Services (APPLES), which got support from government employees and unions, said Langguth.

Also lining up against the tax-cut proposal was the Arkansas Education Association, the Arkansas Municipal League, the Arkansas Hospital Association, and the Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families.

With expected FY 2002 state revenue of \$10 billion, the tax cut would have amounted to only about 2%-4% of the Arkansas state government's budget. But opponents of the tax cut said it would cause the state to be unable to fund schools, hospitals, police, and fire departments, said Langguth.

"Our opponents were government



employees, presidents of universities, scores of politicians, and others who spent huge sums of money — and sometimes outright lied to kill our amendment," he said. "Unfortunately, we just didn't have enough money and horsepower after getting it on the ballot to win."

Given the forces arrayed against the measure, "I was disappointed by the results, but still optimistic," said Langguth. "It's been a long while since any citizen-sponsored initiative appeared on a ballot here, and we went the distance with it."

May file again

Despite the loss, Langguth said Libertarians may file the measure again in the near future with a couple of minor changes.

"We are sending a message to the state legislature that it had better take up this issue, or we will continue to do so," he said.

The LP had turned in over 108,600 signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

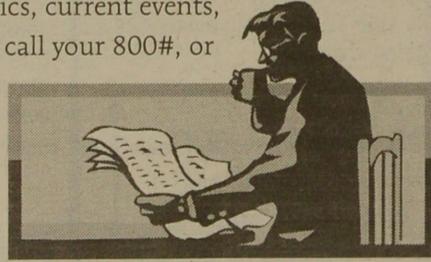
It survived a last-minute court challenge in October, when the state Supreme Court rejected a claim by the initiative's opponents that the ballot language was deceptive.



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Question 1 shocks Mass. political establishment

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the message that the LP is a growing political force in the Bay State.

"Because it was such a shock (especially to the establishment), we have effectively demonstrated our ability to put items on the agenda in Massachusetts," he said.

The narrow defeat capped a 17-month campaign that was launched back in 2001, when the CSG submitted the proposal to slash \$9 billion from the state's \$23 billion budget.

Had it passed, the repeal would have saved the average state taxpayer \$3,000 per year, and created an estimated 300,000-500,000 jobs.

Radio talk shows

During the "Yes on Question 1" campaign, Libertarians raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, touted the initiative in newspaper and radio ads, and defended it on radio talk shows and in televised debates.

The measure met with fierce opposition from "big government" journalists and politicians, noted Howell.

"The big Boston media actively opposed ending the income tax," she said. "Every editorial page in the state that weighed in urged their readers to vote against Question 1. Radio talk hosts who were afraid of giving my

governor campaign coverage and taking votes away from the Republican ignored, dismissed, and marginalized Question 1.

"Yet we showed that one highly le-



■ Carla Howell: "Remarkable."

veraged way to move us toward a Libertarian society is to propose bold tax cuts via petition initiative."

The result may have also saved state residents from another tax increase, said Israel.

"One of the immediate effects is that new tax hikes that the legislature wanted to put in place during a special lame-duck session are now off the table," he said. "The LP has probably saved Massachusetts taxpay-

ers billions in new taxes."

Massachusetts newspapers were forced to admit that the size of the pro-Question 1 vote had sent a powerful message.

Boston Herald reporter Wayne Woodlief wrote on November 7: "[Republican governor-elect Mitt] Romney and the legislature will be under enormous pressure to resist higher taxes, in the wake of the stunning 45% vote in favor of abolishing the

state income tax. Carla Howell and her Libertarians did their job."

If the CSG had raised \$50,000 to \$150,000 more for advertising, the initiative probably would have passed, said Howell.

Nevertheless, she said Libertarians around the USA were "electrified" with the progress that was made.

"Libertarian activists are asking us how to organize an 'End the Income Tax' initiative in their states," she said. "Twenty-four states have a petition initiative process — so they can take advantage of what we've learned, and our accomplishments."

Oregon LP scores with 'incumbent killer' strategy

Using its own version of the national Libertarian Party's "Incumbent Killer Strategy," the Oregon LP launched a successful effort to oust a big-spending Republican legislator.

The party's so-called "Skip Witt" campaign used lawn signs, phone calls, and door-to-door canvassing to encourage voters to vote against incumbent Republican Bill Witt (Senate District 17), said LP State Chair Mitch Shults.

The LP targeted Witt because the legislator broke his campaign pledge to oppose any tax increases when he voted in favor of a cigarette tax in September.

"[He is one of] the worst [legislators] who throw dollars at nutty policies," said Shults.

The effort paid off on November 5, when Democrat Charlie Ringo defeated Witt, 54.6% to 45.4%.

The campaign was a takeoff of the strategy the national LP used to help unseat Republican U.S. Representative Bob Barr of Georgia in an August primary election.

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27 Libertarians win election to local office, but three LP-sponsored initiatives fall short

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Park Board, Sacramento County), Jim Gardner (San Geronio Memorial Health Care District), Larry Torres (Los Alamos Community Services District), Francis Trowbridge (Rubidoux Community Services District), and Jack Hickey (Sequoia Healthcare District, San Mateo County).

In addition, incumbent Bonnie Flickinger was re-elected to the Moreno Valley City Council (District 4), and Lois Engel was re-elected to the Ophir Hill Fire District.

Without opposition

Also in California, six Libertarians were elected to local, non-partisan office — but did not appear on the ballot because they were running without opposition: Marshall Schwartz (Eden Township Hospital District, Alameda County), Lance Rosmaier (Southwest Healthcare District, Short Term, Kern County), Jerry A. Mercier (Independence Ranch Community Services District, San Luis Obispo County), William J. Alley (Shandon Joint Unified School District, San Luis Obispo County), Carle Hylkema (Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District, Santa Clara County), and Michael Wharton (Oxnard Harbor District, Ventura County).

■ In South Carolina, Kathy Woolsey was re-elected to the non-partisan Charleston County Soil and Water Commission with 48.78% of the vote.

■ In North Carolina, six Libertarians were elected to local non-partisan positions: Bob Ritchie (15.13%) and Jeff Goforth (19.55%) were the two top vote-getters in an eight-way race for two seats on the Cabarrus County Soil & Water District Board; Renee Montague (31%) came in second for two seats on the Chatham County Soil & Water District Board; Robert Rosenthal (31%) came in second for two seats on the Durham County Soil & Water District Board; and Dave Gable (26%) came in first for two seats on the Mecklenburg County Soil & Water District Board.

In addition, John Hairr was elected Hamett County surveyor.

■ In Vermont, Hardy Macia was elected as a Justice of the Peace in Grand Isle. Macia, who finished sixth out of seven winners in a 12-way race, won 417 votes.

■ In Indiana, Ed Dilts won an un-



■ Richard Prawdzienski, a Libertarian candidate for Oklahoma State House (District 39), made a bid for ethnic support with a sign touting himself as "The Polish Guy." Helping him is supporter Rachel Lenox. Prawdzienski, who won 18.3% of the vote in the two-way race, also serves as the State Chair of the Oklahoma LP.

opposed race for a partisan seat on the Needham Township Board in Johnson County.

In other significant races:

■ In Nevada, James Dan lost by 65.2% to 34.8% to incumbent Democrat Vonne Chowning in a race for State Assembly (District 28). Dan had won 45% of the vote in a similar race just two years ago.

"Basically, I think that we lost the element of surprise we had going for us last time," said Dan. "This time, they were ready for us."

■ In Vermont, Hardy Macia won 22.5% in a four-way race for two seats in the state legislature. Running on both the Libertarian and Republican lines, Macia won 1,340 votes — just 208 votes behind the second-place



Democratic finisher.

■ In Missouri, Jeff Foli won 14.1% of the vote in a three-way race for State Representative (District 7).

Those three high-profile losses — in Nevada, Vermont, and Missouri — were among the biggest setbacks of the election, said Crickenberger.

"Particularly disappointing are the losses of James Dan, Hardy Macia, and Jeff Foli for state representative seats," he said. "Getting people into this level of partisan office is the next big nut we need to crack."

■ In Wisconsin, Ed Thompson won 10.4% of the vote (183,352 votes) in an eight-way race for governor. It was the second-best result for a Libertarian candidate in a gubernatorial race against a Republican and Democrat in LP history.

Big difference

"We hoped we would do better," Thompson told the Wisconsin Radio Network. "I think people just didn't have a chance to see me like the other candidates and it made a big difference."

However, Thompson won his home town of Tomah (55.9%) and Monroe County (45.4%) — and hinted he might run again in the future.

"I want to express my thanks to the countless volunteers and contributors who helped make this campaign the most successful third-party

campaign for Wisconsin governor in 60 years," said Thompson. "This race is just the beginning."

■ In Oregon, Tom Cox ran the year's second-most successful gubernatorial campaign, winning 5% of the vote.

■ In Illinois, GOP legislator-turned-LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner won 2.1% of the vote — well short of the 5% required to gain the LP major party status in the state.

"I think [the wasted vote syndrome] had a lot to do with it," said a disappointed Skinner. "It's a very real problem, and one that Libertarians have got to address if we are ever going to be able to win elections."

■ In Massachusetts, Michael Cloud won 19% of the vote in a two-way race against incumbent Democrat John Kerry. It was the best U.S. Senate result for a Libertarian in party history, and the best by any candidate from a nationally organized third party in a U.S. Senate race since 1932, according to Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot Access News*.

■ In Massachusetts, Carla Howell won 1% of the vote in a five-way race for governor.

"It is disappointing that Carla Howell was not able to translate the better-than-expected results for the income tax repeal initiative she sponsored into better results for her gubernatorial campaign," said Crickenberger. "As we have hoped that candidates could ride the coattails of successful initiatives, we'll need to examine this race closely to find more effective means of getting initiative voters to pull the lever for our candidates as well."

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FIJA-style initiative is walloped in South Dakota

A FIJA-style initiative in South Dakota was defeated by a huge margin in the November 5 election after being harshly attacked by the state's trial lawyers.

The initiative, which would have amended the state constitution to allow defendants in a criminal trial to argue the merits of a law and the proposed punishment, received just 22% of the vote.

Bob Newland of Common Sense Justice (CSJ), the organization that sponsored the initiative, said the result was "extremely disappointing."

Crushing blow

"This was a crushing blow that defies rational analysis," he said.

Newland, who was also the LP candidate for attorney general, said the initiative came under heavy fire from the South Dakota Bar Association, which claimed the initiative would re-

sult in a murderer being punished by a slight fine from wayward juries.

"The trial lawyers were all extremely deceptive," he said. "We had no idea to what lengths they would be willing to lie in order to hold onto their power over the judicial system."

The initiative, which was certified

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—Bob Newland



in July 2000, would have allowed defendants to present evidence to a jury that a law under which they are charged was flawed, or had been wrongly applied, or that the statutory punishment was too harsh.

Newland said that CSJ had spent approximately \$65,000 promoting the amendment, which was "aimed at the spate of victimless crimes that legislators have passed over the years."

During the campaign, CSJ had hired the Robert Sharp Advertising Agency in Rapid City to schedule media events, rented fair booths around the state, distributed pro-

Amendment A bumper stickers and brochures in an attempt to rally support for the measure.

In addition, the group held a "horror story contest," offering a prize to the worst story from a state resident who had been convicted of a crime, and who "probably would have been found not guilty if [they] had been able to make a common-sense argument that the law itself was either wrong or wrongly applied."

Learning experience

Despite being beaten badly at the polls, Newland said the initiative was a good learning experience.

"We learn all the time, and these last seven months has been a college education to me in sociology," he said. "My biggest regret is that we didn't have \$5 million to educate the public and fight the lies that were being spewed by our opposition."

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Libertarians 'held ground' in up-and-down election

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■ In California, three statewide LP candidates won at least 2% of the vote, the threshold required to maintain the LP's major party status: Dale Ogden (Insurance Commissioner), Gail Lightfoot (Secretary of State), and Marian Smithson (Treasurer).

■ In Wyoming, the state LP won major party status, thanks to secretary of state candidate Marie Brossman, who won 29,000 votes (17%).

■ In Michigan, several candidates won enough votes to secure a spot on the 2004 ballot for the state LP. The top vote-getter was Supreme Court candidate Michael Donahue, who earned 328,868 votes (7.5%). In other notable results, State Board of Education candidate Scotty Boman won 89,000 votes, while Stephen Townsend won 29.3% of the vote for Midland County Commissioner.

■ In Indiana, secretary of state candidate Rebecca Sink-Burris received 4% of the vote, well above the 2% required for the state LP to maintain ballot access.

■ In Colorado, a number of Libertarian candidates earned double-digit percentages in two-way races, according to state LP Media Director Mike Seebeck.

John Berntson won 16% of the vote for State House (District 14), Steve Gresh earned 15% for State House (District 20), and Rob Roberts won 14% for El Paso County Commissioner (District 1).

They are a force

"Local Libertarian candidates showed the major parties again why they are a force to be reckoned with,

IN ILLINOIS,
"all of our statewide candidates brought in a higher vote than our last statewide candidate in 1996."

—Jim Tobin

improving their vote totals for the second year in a row," said Seebeck.

In all, Colorado LP candidates won 419,370 votes — up from the 343,000 votes cast for Libertarians in 2000.

■ Also in Colorado, gubernatorial candidate Rick Stanley, who had been censured by the state party for improper conduct, won 1.5% of the vote.

"While Stanley did garner an enormous amount of press for a third-party candidate, most of it was bad press," said Ari Armstrong (*Colorado Freedom Report*). "The lesson for Libertarians is it's just not true that any press is good press."

■ In Florida, 23 LP candidates won over 20% in two-way races for the State House, reported Florida LP activist Michael Gilson de Lemos.

"[Libertarians made] a strong showing against a clutch of major party incumbents," reported the *Jacksonville Times-Union* newspaper.

"The results are more remarkable in that they ran deliberately extremely low-budget, meet-the-neighbors campaigns," said Gilson de Lemos.

In all, Florida LP candidates garnered 491,676 votes.

■ In Iowa, gubernatorial candidate Clyde Cleveland won 24,512 votes (2.4%), coming in third of four candidates.

■ In Illinois, comptroller candidate Julie Fox set a new record for a Libertarian statewide candidate with 42,736 votes (4.24%), reported lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Jim Tobin. The party also maintained ballot status in seven House districts.

"All of our statewide candidates brought in a higher vote count than our last statewide candidate in 1996, so we have improved again," he said. "We have a stronger foundation now and more information to help us capitalize on that growth."

■ In North Carolina, Rachel Mills — the creator of the nationally publicized "N.C. Ladies of Liberty" calendar — won 2,892 votes (19.3%) in a two-way race for State House (District 31).

U.S. House

In notable U.S. House races around the USA:

■ In California, Maad Abu-Ghazaleh (District 12) won 7%.

■ In Massachusetts, Ilana Freedman (District 5) won 6%.

■ In Colorado, Biff Baker (District 5) won 6%.

In initiative news:

■ In Massachusetts, voters rejected — by a surprisingly narrow margin — a sweeping proposal to eliminate the state's income tax.

The proposal, called Ballot Question 1 and sponsored by LP gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell's Committee for Small Government, lost by



■ **Stephanie Sailor won only 3% in her race for U.S. House (District 9) in Illinois — but she won the right for candidates to include unorthodox nicknames on the ballot when a judge ruled that her "Vs. The Machine" moniker did not violate state law. Sailor is shown here in a campaign pose that illustrates her support for the Second Amendment. [See Affiliate News story on page 9.]**

a 54.6% to 45.4% margin, shocking political pundits who predicted it would lose by 20 percentage points or more.

"It goes to show that you can't trust polls," said Howell. "It also demonstrates that the reporting of how big government must solve everyone's problems is clearly not representative of what all the people believe."

The liberal Boston Globe suggested the close vote sent "a strong signal to Beacon Hill about distaste for future tax increases as a way to solve the budget crisis."

Had it passed, the initiative would have trimmed state government revenues by 40%, and saved Bay State taxpayers about \$9 billion annually.

■ In Arkansas, voters rejected a Libertarian-led initiative to abolish

the state's 5.125% sales tax on food and over-the-counter medicine. The so-called "Ax the Food Tax" initiative lost 61% to 39%.

Those numbers were in sharp contrast to pre-election polls, which showed the proposal winning the support of up to 70% of voters.

The amendment was torpedoed by a \$500,000 negative advertising campaign run by a group called Arkansans to Protect Police, Libraries, Education and Services (APPLES), said LP State Chair Gerhard Langguth, who wrote the initiative.

"Unfortunately, we just didn't have enough money and horsepower to win," he said.

Had it passed, the initiative would have saved state taxpayers about \$400 million a year.

■ In South Dakota, a FIJA-style amendment that would have given criminal defendants the right to argue the merits, validity, and application of laws lost 78% to 22%.

■ In Florida, an initiative to impose term limits on Palm Beach County commissioners won with 69.9% of the vote.

The vote means that county commissioners are limited to eight years in office. Libertarians spent \$60,000 on the campaign.

Most successful

"[This was] the largest and most successful Libertarian electoral grassroots effort in county — and perhaps state — history," said Julie Chorgo-Gilson, editor of *Florida Liberty*.

In Virginia, Libertarian-turned-independent Jacob Hornberger won 7% in his race for U.S. Senate, losing to both incumbent Republican John Warner (84%) and independent Nancy B. Spannaus (9%), who is associated with convicted felon Lyndon LaRouche.

In Texas, Republican Ron Paul easily won re-election for U.S. House (District 14) with 68.05% of the vote, defeating a Democratic challenger. In 1988, Paul was the LP presidential candidate.

Cal Skinner gets 'disappointing' vote for governor in Illinois

In an "absolutely disappointing" end to a hard-fought campaign, LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner fell short of the 5% of the vote required for the LP to retain ballot access in Illinois.

Skinner, a former Republican who served 16 years in the State House, received just over 2% of the votes cast in the November 5 election. Democrat Rod Blagojevich won with 52%, with Republican Jim Ryan earning 45%. Independent Marisellis Brown garnered less than 1%.

"I had a lot of fun running, but I think [the results are] absolutely disappointing," said Skinner. "My primary goal was to win, but barring that I at least wanted to get 5% and earn the Libertarian Party respect in Illinois. That wasn't achieved either."

Skinner said he suspected that the so-called "wasted vote syndrome" was behind the vote total.

Many voters who were responsive to his message may have viewed a vote for him as a vote taken away from the Republican, said Skinner.

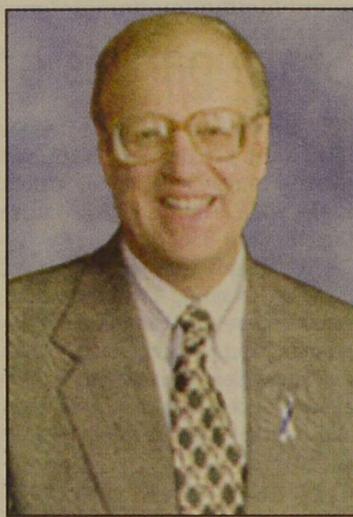
"I think [the wasted vote syndrome] had a lot to do with it, and I honestly have no inspiration how to overcome that," he said. "It's a very real problem, and one that Libertarians have got to address if we are ever going to be able to win elections."

Positive contributions

However, Skinner said the campaign did make some positive contributions to the political debate.

The first was "JimRod," a two-headed chicken created to symbolize the unwillingness of the Republican and Democratic candidates to debate him. The colorful JimRod showed up at a number of debates from which the Libertarian was excluded.

"JimRod is applicable to any elec-



■ **Illinois LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner: "My primary goal was to win, but barring that I at least wanted to get 5%. That wasn't achieved either."**

tion in which the two major parties are unwilling to debate," said Skinner.

His second contribution was coining the term "power parties" — used instead of "major parties." Skinner said the phrase casts the Libertarian Party as the party of reform and decentralized government.

Skinner, an outspoken political reformer, won the Libertarian gubernatorial nomination at the state convention in late March.

Political earthquake

During the next six months, Skinner sought to create a "political earthquake" by opposing cigarette and toll tax hikes, supporting a concealed-carry law, and promising to trim waste from the state budget.

The Skinner campaign was able to blitz the airwaves with radio ads, but was dealt a serious setback when he was locked out of the televised de-



bates by his "power party" opponents.

Skinner said his next political effort will be to try to impose term-limits on state legislative leaders via the state's initiative process.

The proposed measure, which would cap the number of years an Illinois legislator could serve as a "caucus leader," would probably require about half a million signatures to be certified for the 2004 ballot, he said.

"If we manage to get such an initiative on the ballot, I have no doubt that it will pass," he said. "And if that happens, I think Libertarians will get the respect they deserve in the state."

The Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act and its dramatic effect on the Libertarian Party

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The BCRA prohibits national political parties from accepting soft money. As a result, the national LP will no longer be able to accept donations of more than \$25,000 annually from any individual.

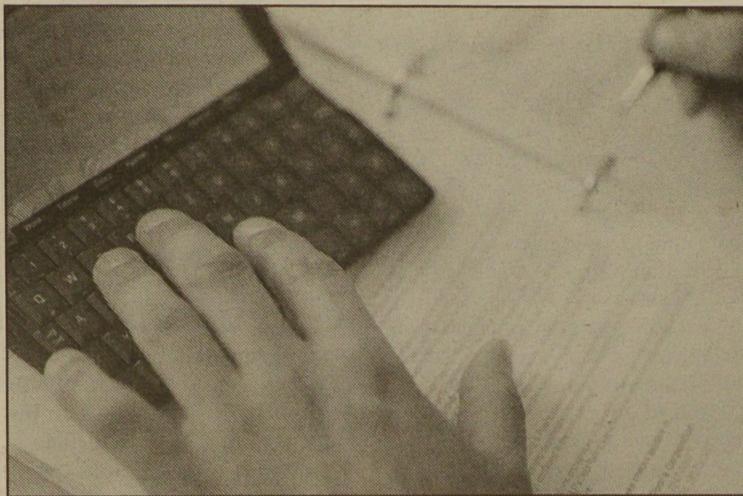
The party will also be forced to refuse any money from corporations or organizations that are not "recognized political committees" with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC).

"That includes major LP News advertisers and LP mailing list renters who are non-profit corporations or incorporated businesses," said Dasbach. "More importantly, the BCRA will prohibit the national LP from accepting funds for memberships and literature from our own state and local affiliates — unless they comply with the BCRA regulations."

Register with the FEC

In other words, the BCRA will force many state party organizations to register with the FEC in order to transfer funds to the national LP or participate in any "federal election activity."

The law's definition of election activity includes any voter registration activity fewer than 120 days prior to a federal election, any get-out-the-vote activity in connection with a federal election, any public communication about a clearly identified federal candidate, and any service provided by an employee who spends more than 25% of his compensated time in a month on federal



■ "The impact of the BCRA on the Libertarian Party will be significant," said former LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach. "It greatly increases the administrative and regulatory burden on the party at all levels. It's a flat-out horrible law."

election activities.

In other words, said Dasbach, examples of activities that could trigger an FEC filing requirement under BCRA, include:

■ A state party newsletter that lists a slate of candidates for federal office (including that of President, U.S. Senate or U.S. House).

■ A state convention nominating federal candidates.

■ Literature and advertising designed to get people to vote Libertarian in a federal election.

"As distasteful as it may be to Libertarians, politically speaking, it is probably in the best interest of each state party to establish a federal hard money account and file with the FEC,"

said Dasbach. "However, this will not be easy, and it will require a lot of guidance and resources from the national LP for many state parties to make that transition."

In addition to the enhanced administrative burden on the party, the law will have other negative effects on the LP, said Dasbach.

Take the provision in the BCRA that makes it illegal for people under 18 to contribute to political parties. Since many state parties require party officers to be dues-paying members, the law also locks young people out of many LP leadership roles, he said.

At the present time, however, Dasbach said the national LP will not make any changes in its membership processing based on this provision.

"We don't know yet how the FEC will require us to find out whether a donor is 18 or older," he said. "Until a specific directive is given in that regard, the Libertarian Party is not going to even consider engaging in any form of age discrimination

against our membership."

Since the BCRA will prohibit the party from selling ads to corporations or non-FEC organizations in LP News, the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. will likely have to outsource the administration and production of LP News.

Furthermore, the BCRA will likely transfer the administration of the LP annual convention to an independent group, beginning with the 2004 convention in Atlanta. Otherwise, the party might be unable to rent booth space to vendors, admit young Libertarians as delegates, or sell packages to members who have already made generous contributions that year.

While some of the repercussions of the BCRA can be predicted, other regulations have yet to be issued by the Federal Election Commission, said national LP attorney Bill Hall — leaving unclear a significant portion of the law's potential impact.

Thousands of rules

"At this point, the only regulations that have been finalized are those that deal with the soft money and electioneering aspects of the law," he said. "The FEC has yet to finalize thousands of new rules to implement the law, but they have been furiously proposing regulations since June."

In certain cases, said Hall, the proposed regulations are even going beyond what is clearly called for in the law.

"Some of the proposed regulations specifically prohibit individuals under the age of 18 from contributing to any political party, whether federal, state, or local," he said. "This is clearly beyond the scope of the federal law."

"And it's just an example of how, once a law is implemented, the ensuing regulations can give the law a life of its own."

State parties brace for the BCRA

Like most other state parties, the North Carolina LP will struggle to comply with the provisions in the BCRA, said state LP Executive Director Sean Haugh.

"It's definitely a pain," he said. "We have to set up a new federal account and be very careful about our spending and putting disclaimers on our fundraisers. In some areas there appears to be a lack of specific rules, and in other areas there is an overabundance."

For example, Haugh said the North Carolina LP will have to fund its newsletter and website with funds reserved in its federal account — since they mention candidates running for federal offices. And the party will have to comply with additional federal

paperwork in doing so.

One question that hasn't been answered, said Haugh, is whether a ballot access drive qualifies as a federal election activity. If so, it must also be financed by federal account funds.

UMP payments

Haugh said the state LP will likely use the payments its receives from the Unified Membership Program (UMP) from the national LP to fund its federal account.

And, he said, "We're thinking of trying to get a volunteer assistant treasurer. It may soon get to be too much work for our current treasurer to comply with all the campaign finance regulations."

What exactly is the BCRA?

The Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act (BCRA), which went into effect on November 6, 2002, does the following:

■ Bans "soft money" contributions to national political parties. Soft money refers to the unregulated donations given to national parties from any source for "party building" purposes, and for candidate-specific broadcast advertising.

Under the law, parties were no longer able to accept soft money after November 6, and must dispose of all previously collected soft money by December 31.

■ Increases "hard money" limits. Hard money refers to regulated donations from individuals and political action committees (PACs).

The BCRA raises the allowable individual donation from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per candidate per election, from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per national party committee per year, from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per state or local party committee per year, and from \$25,000 per year to \$95,000 per two-year election cycle. The limits on PAC contributions remain unchanged.

■ Prohibits soft-money financed "electioneering communications" within a certain time frame.

The law forbids corporations, trade associations, labor organizations, and special interest groups from political advertising within 60 days of a general election and 30 days of a primary election. (An organization's PAC will still be able to advertise with hard dollars.) An electioneering communication is defined as one that refers to a clearly identified federal candidate and is targeted to the candidate's state or district.

What is the status of the lawsuit against the BCRA?

In late March 2002, the Libertarian Party signed on as a co-plaintiff to *McConnell v. FEC* — the lawsuit spearheaded by Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell that seeks to overturn the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act (BCRA).

Overall, about two dozen groups and individuals joined the suit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, DC.

That case and several other similar cases were consolidated under *McConnell v. FEC* in May, and the discovery process was conducted over the summer months, said national LP attorney Bill Hall.

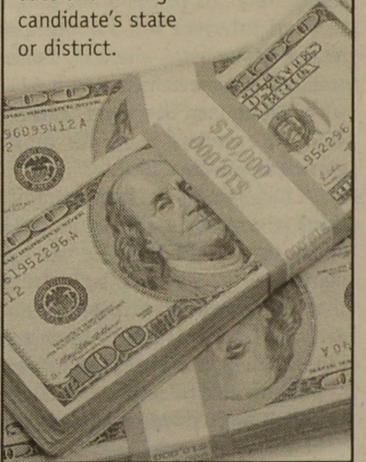
In late September, witnesses signed affidavits that were filed with the three-judge circuit court. The justices are expected to hand down a summary judgment on December 4.

Hall said that the loser will likely appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court — which will probably choose to hear the case before it adjourns in June 2003, because of the high-stakes nature of the dispute.

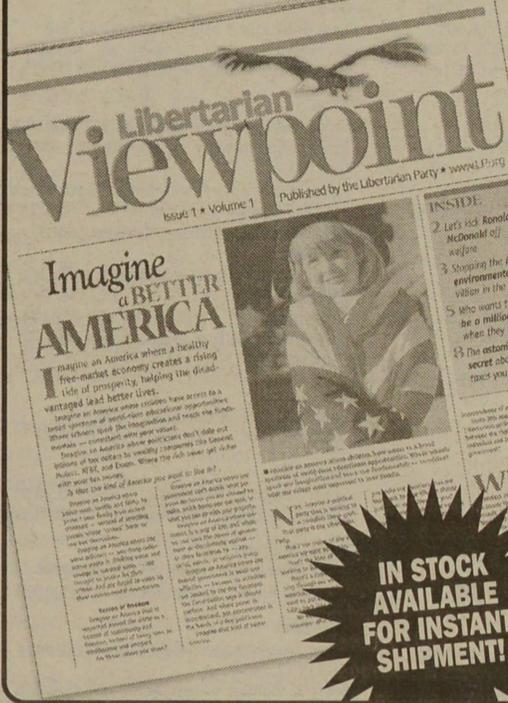
"I expect certain of the electioneering portions of the law to be declared unconstitutional," he said. "In addition, the LP has made a compelling case for overturning the provisions that prohibit soft money contributions and contributions by minors."

"However, I'm not optimistic that the Supreme Court will overturn this wretched law entirely."

Attorneys working on *McConnell v. FEC* include American Civil Liberties Union attorney Floyd Abrams, former Solicitor General Ken Starr, and James Bopp, general counsel for the James Madison Center for Free Speech.



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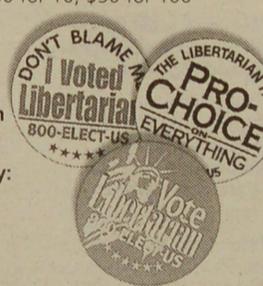
2-color brochures: Sample: 50¢ ★ Or \$7 for 100 / 4-color brochures: Sample: 50¢ ★ Or \$10 for 100

- **LP "Fact Sheets":** Updated for 2000: 2-page LP history (with political highlights, accomplishments, and victories from 1971-2000) and a comprehensive two-page bibliography (featuring more than 150 books about liberty!). Sold as a set. **Cost: Sample: 50¢ or \$10 for 100**
- **World's Smallest Political Quiz cards.** Perfect for "politically homeless" booths. **Cost: \$1 for 100**
- **Bumperstickers**
\$1 each; \$7.50 for 10; \$50 for 100. Size: 11" x 3"
- **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH/VOTE LIBERTARIAN** (Red, white, & blue).
- **I'm Pro-Choice on Everything!** (Red, white, & blue.)

- **Don't Blame Me... I Voted Libertarian** (Blue & white; 800-ELECT-US phone number below.)
- **Vote Libertarian/800-ELECT-US** (Blue & white.)

Buttons

- **Don't Blame Me, I Voted Libertarian** 1-800-ELECT-US
- **Vote Libertarian** 1-800-ELECT-US
- **Libertarian Party: Pro-Choice on Everything** 1-800-ELECT-US



Windbreaker (Jacket)

■ **Windbreaker.** Blue, with LP logo & party name. Available in M, L, XL. (Please specify.) **Cost: \$25 each**

Tools for Campaigning

- **Libertarian Political Action: Techniques for Effective Campaigning:** 32 pages. Comprehensive explanation of winning campaign techniques for Libertarian candidates. A must read! **Cost: \$3.00 each**
- **LP Statue of Liberty Logo master.** Camera-ready sheet, ready for scanning. **Cost: \$1 each**
- **LP Statue of Liberty Logo on PC Disk:** 3-1/2 inch DOS-compatible computer disk. **Cost: \$3 each**

- **Newsprint Ads:** "Libertarian Party — Defenders of Liberty." Camera-ready print ads. One each of six different ads: General, lifestyle, drugs, guns, draft, and taxes. Plus additional multi-sized "Lower Taxes/More Freedom" LP advertisements. **Cost: \$3 for set**

Large Banners

- **Large Banner.** (18" x 5'). White on blue. First line "Libertarian Party." You can pick the second line from these two choices: "800-ELECT-US" or "Defenders of Liberty." (Specify which you want on the order form.) **Cost: \$40 each**

Yard Sign

- **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH / VOTE LIBERTARIAN.** Red, white, & blue on sturdy foamboard. Measures a big 24" x 18". Perfect for campaigns. **Cost: \$8.00 each.**

ORDER FORM

There is no charge for standard shipping. Allow up to 2-3 weeks for delivery. Or: Add \$5 for same-day shipping. Call (202) 333-0008 Ext. 221 for instructions on rush deliveries. Minimum order: \$5.00. Orders shipped via UPS; please add \$5 for Post Office box deliveries. Make checks payable to: Libertarian Party.

Ready-to-use Literature

Q'NTY	COST	
_____	_____	TABLOID (4-c): "Libertarian Viewpoint"
_____	_____	BOOKLET (4-c): "A New Vision for America"
_____	_____	Brochure (4-c): "Is This/New Political Party...?"
_____	_____	Brochure (4-c): "More Sensible Drug Policy"
_____	_____	Brochure (4-c): "Working to Cut Your Taxes!"
_____	_____	Brochure: "What Happened/ Family Budget?"
_____	_____	Brochure: "Ending the Welfare State"
_____	_____	Brochure: "Making Neighborhood Safe Again"
_____	_____	Brochure: "Equal Rights/America's Gun Owners"
_____	_____	Flyer: "Political Party/100% Pro-Gun Rights?"
_____	_____	America's Libertarian Heritage booklet
_____	_____	Fact Sheets: LP history/bibliography (package)
_____	_____	World's Smallest Political Quiz
_____	_____	"Million Dollar Bill" Literature
■ Bumper Stickers		
_____	_____	Don't Blame Me...I Voted Libertarian
_____	_____	I'm Pro-Choice on Everything!
_____	_____	ENOUGH IS ENOUGH/VOTE LIBERTARIAN
_____	_____	Vote Libertarian/1-800-ELECT-US

Banners

_____	"LIBERTARIAN PARTY" (18" x 5'w)
_____	Please check preferred second line: <input type="checkbox"/> Defenders of Liberty <input type="checkbox"/> 1-800-ELECT-US

Yard Signs

_____	ENOUGH IS ENOUGH/Vote Libertarian
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Tools for Campaigning

_____	Libertarian Political Action Booklet
_____	Statue of Liberty logo master
_____	LP Statue of Liberty logo on 3-1/2" PC disk
_____	Newsprint ads: "Libertarian Party — Defenders of Liberty" set of seven.

Books for Sale

_____	Why Government Doesn't Work • Browne
_____	Libertarianism In One Lesson • Bergland

Windbreaker Jacket

_____	Lined windbreaker. Circle one: M L XL
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Buttons

_____	Don't Blame Me, I Voted Libertarian
_____	VOTE LIBERTARIAN/800-ELECT-US
_____	Libertarian Party: Pro-Choice on Everything

Total Due

_____	Merchandise Total
_____	RUSH handling: Add \$5 for same-day handling
_____	RUSH shipping: Call office to arrange
_____	Send to a Post Office Box: \$5 extra
_____	TOTAL PAYMENT DUE
[] Cash, check, or money order enclosed. (No corporate checks)	
Bill my: [] Visa [] MasterCard [] AMEX [] Discover	
Acct. # _____	Expires _____
Signature _____	
Name _____	
Membership ID# [On label] _____	
Street _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Occupation _____	Employer _____

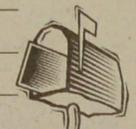
HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER



Phone:
(202)
333-0008
Ext. 221

By Fax:

(202)
333-0072



By Mail:
Libertarian Party
2600 Virginia
Avenue, NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20037

ELECTION RESULTS

Libertarian votes for U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and statewide races

U.S. SENATE

Alabama • Jeff Allen 20,199 (1%)
 Alaska • Len Karpinski 1,959 (1%)
 Colorado • Rick Stanley 19,121 (1.46%)
 Delaware • Ray Buranello 922 (0.40%)
 Georgia • Sandy Thomas 27,744 (1.40%)
 Idaho • Donovan Bramwell 9,350 (2.29%)
 Illinois • Steven Burgauer 56,760 (2%)
 Iowa • Richard J. Moore 8,751 (0.84%)
 Kansas • Steven A. Rosile 69,408 (9%)
 Louisiana • Gary D. Robbins 2,577 (0.21%)
 Massachusetts • Michael Cloud 368,423 (19%)
 Missouri • Tamara Millay 18,338 (0.98%)
 Montana • Stan Jones 10,399 (3.19%)
 Nebraska • John Graziano 7,146 (2%)
 New Hampshire • Ken Blevens 10,355 (2%)
 New Jersey • Elizabeth Macron 12,364 (1%)
 North Carolina • Sean Haugh 33,749 (1%)
 Oregon • Dan Fitzgerald 28,665 (2%)
 South Carolina • Victor Kocher 6,608 (1%)
 South Dakota • Kurt Evans 3,071 (1%)
 Texas • Scott Jameson 35,232 (0.80%)

U.S. HOUSE

Alabama
 Dick M. Coffee (District 1) 2,956 (2%)
 Floyd Shackelford (District 2) 2,948 (2%)
 George Crispin (District 3) 2,561 (2%)
 Tony McLendon (District 4) 20,798 (13%)
 Alan Barksdale (District 5) 3,742 (1.93%)
 J. Holden McAllister (District 6) 19,636 (10%)
 Lauren Orth McCay (District 7) 12,095 (7%)

Alaska
 Rob Clift (At-Large) 3,160 (2%)

Arizona
 Edwin Porr (District 1) 8,471 (5%)
 Edward R. Carlson (District 2) 4,921 (4%)
 Mark Yannone (District 3) 2,963 (3%)
 Amy Gibbons (District 4) 2,539 (5%)
 Warren Severin (District 5) 3,453 (3%)
 Andy Wagner (District 6) 3,109 (3%)
 John Nemeth (District 7) 3,651 (4%)
 Joe Duarte (District 8) 5,520 (3%)

California
 Kevin Bastian (District 1) 5,942 (4%)
 Charles Martin (District 2) 3,589 (2.10%)
 D.A. "Art" Tuma (District 3) 5,201 (3.10%)
 Allen Roberts (District 4) 6,482 (3.10%)
 Timothy Roloff (District 5) 3,368 (3%)
 Richard Barton (District 6) 4,282 (2%)
 Scott Wilson (District 7) 3,597 (2.80%)
 Ira Spivack (District 8) 2,352 (1.60%)
 James Eyer (District 9) 4,940 (3.50%)
 Sonia E. Harden (District 10) 35,918 (24.7%)
 Maad Abu-Ghazalah (District 12) 9,494 (7%)
 Mark W. Stroberg (District 13) 3,269 (3.20%)
 Andrew Carver (District 14) 5,484 (3.60%)
 Jeff Landauer (District 15) 3,937 (3.20%)
 Dennis Umphress (District 16) 3,154 (3.20%)
 Jascha Lee (District 17) 2,070 (1.60%)
 Linda DeGroat (District 18) 1,831 (1.90%)
 Patrick L. McHargue (District 19) 3,533 (2.6%)
 Varrin Swearingen (District 20) 1,406 (2%)
 Jonathon Richter (District 21) 3,724 (3.20%)
 Frank Coates (District 22) 4,446 (2.90%)
 James Hill (District 23) 3,276 (2.40%)
 Gary Harber (District 24) 4,853 (3.10%)
 Frank Consolo (District 25) 4,577 (3.90%)
 Randall Weissbuch (District 26) 3,764 (2.7%)
 Kelley Ross (District 28) 5,128 (5.40%)
 Ted Brown (District 29) 4,510 (4%)
 Michael McGuire (District 32) 3,008 (3.70%)
 Charles Tate (District 33) 3,653 (3.30%)
 Mark McSpadden (District 36) 4,809 (3.60%)
 Herbert Peters (District 37) 3,132 (3.90%)
 Alan Cuperus (District 38) 2,142 (2.60%)
 Richard Newhouse (District 39) 3,829 (4.3%)
 Charles McGlawn (District 40) 3,670 (2.90%)
 Kevin Craig (District 41) 3,735 (3%)
 Donald Yee (District 42) 4,265 (3.20%)
 Ethel Mohler (District 43) 1,971 (3.10%)
 Rod Miller-Boyer (District 45) 2,494 (2%)
 Keith Gann (District 46) 5,951 (3.70%)
 Paul Marsden (District 47) 2,687 (4.20%)
 Joe Cobb (District 48) 5,110 (3.10%)
 Karl Dietrich (District 49) 24,361 (22.20%)
 Richard Fontanesi (District 50) 5,130 (3.30%)
 Jeff Keup (District 51) 2,499 (2.70%)
 Mike Benoit (District 52) 6,109 (4%)

Colorado
 Kent Leonard (District 1) 2,258 (1.47%)



Norm Olsen (District 2) 3,426 (1.72%)
 J Brent Shroyer (District 3) 4,292 (2%)
 John Volz (District 4) 6,998 (3.36%)
 Biff Baker (District 5) 10,781 (6.05%)
 Adam Katz (District 6) 5,346 (2.93%)
 Bud Martin (District 7) 2,477 (1.63%)

Connecticut
 Walter Gengarely (District 5) 1,502 (0.72%)

Delaware
 Brad Thomas (At-Large) 2,789 (1.20%)

Hawaii
 Jim Bracken (District 1) 4,028 (2.10%)
 Lloyd Jeff Mallan (District 2) 4,719 (2.40%)

Idaho
 Steve Gothard (District 1) 5,129 (2.49%)
 Jack Lewis (District 2) 5,507 (2.77%)

Illinois
 Dorothy Tsatsos (District 1) 4,741 (3%)
 Maggie Kohls (District 4) 4,328 (5%)
 Frank Gonzalez (District 5) 6,638 (4%)
 Martin Pankau (District 7) 2,436 (2%)
 Stephanie Sailor (District 9) 4,779 (3%)

Indiana
 Timothy Brennan (District 1) 2,746 (2.05%)
 Sharon Metheny (District 2) 7,101 (3.77%)
 Mike Donlan (District 3) 3,531 (2.41%)
 Jerry Lee Susong (District 4) 3,526 (2.24%)
 Chris Adkins (District 5) 5,120 (2.85%)
 Doris Robertson (District 6) 3,406 (1.83%)
 Andrew Horning (District 7) 3,919 (2.69%)
 Pam Williams (District 8) 5,150 (2.67%)
 Al Cox (District 9) 2,389 (1.26%)

Iowa
 Kevin Litten (District 2) 4,158 (2.02%)
 Jeffrey J. Smith (District 3) 2,650 (1.24%)
 Terry Wilson (District 4) 2,801 (1.34%)

Kansas
 Jack Warner (District 1) 18,250 (9%)
 Art Clack (District 2) 4,263 (2%)
 Doug Martin (District 3) 1,328 (1%)
 Maikie Warren (District 4) 4,544 (2%)

Kentucky
 Robert Dyer (District 2) 2,084 (1.20%)
 John Grote (District 4) 2,323 (1.40%)
 Mark Galey (District 6) 3,311 (2.10%)

Louisiana
 Ian Hawhurst (District 1) 5,846 (3%)
 Wayne Clement (District 2) 3,778 (3%)
 William Beier (District 3) 13,026 (9%)
 Bill Jacobs (District 4) 3,277 (2%)
 Vinson Mouser (District 5) 1,136 (1%)
 Rick Moscatello (District 6) 27,934 (16%)
 Roberto Valletta (District 7) 21,073 (13%)

Massachusetts
 Ilana Freedman (District 5) 11,663 (6%)

Michigan
 John W. Loosemore (District 1) 2,728 (1.23%)
 Laurie L. Aleck (District 2) 2,656 (1%)
 Tom Quinn (District 3) 2,607 (1%)
 Al Chia (District 4) 1,272 (1%)
 Clint Foster (District 5) 9,344 (5%)
 Ken Proctor (District 7) 3,489 (2%)
 Tom Yeutter (District 8) 3,411 (1%)
 Robert W. Schubring (District 9) 4,922 (2.03%)
 Renae Coon (District 10) 2,536 (1%)
 Dick Gach (District 12) 2,694 (1%)
 Raymond Warner (District 13) 11,062 (8%)
 Francis Schorr (District 14) 1,485 (1%)
 Greg Stempfle (District 15) 3,869 (2%)

Mississippi
 Harold Taylor (District 1) 2,808 (2.20%)
 Brad McDonald (District 3) 744 (0.30%)
 Wayne Parker (District 4) 3,267 (2%)

Missouri
 Jim Higgins (District 1) 5,327 (2.8%)
 Darla R. Maloney (District 2) 4,547 (1.83%)

Daniel Byington (District 3) 4,127 (2%)
 Daniel Roy Nelson (District 4) 3,581 (1.7%)
 Jeanne Bojarski (District 5) 3,261 (1.76%)
 Erik S. Buck (District 6) 3,731 (1.79%)
 Doug Burlison (District 7) 4,378 (2.19%)
 Eric VanOostrom (District 8) 2,490 (1.32%)
 John C. Mruzik (District 9) 2,705 (1.26%)

Montana
 Mike Fellows (District 1) 8,986 (2.72%)

Nebraska
 Robert Eckerson (District 1) 22,308 (15%)
 David Stock (District 2) 1,965 (1%)
 Jerry Hickman (District 3) 11,293 (7%)

Nevada
 Brendan Trainor (District 2) 3,415 (2%)
 Neil Scott (District 3) 3,421 (2%)

New Hampshire
 Dan Belforti (District 1) 7,342 (3%)
 Rosalie Babiarz (District 2) 5,071 (2%)

New Jersey
 Tim Haas (District 1) 9,356 (7%)
 Michael J. Matthews, Jr. (District 2) 1,652 (1%)
 Raymond Byrne (District 3) 1,287 (1%)
 Keith Quarles (District 4) 1,863 (1%)
 Barry Allen (District 6) 1,189 (1%)
 Darren Young (District 7) 2,016 (1%)
 Richard Roth (District 11) 2,218 (1%)
 Tom Abrams (District 12) 1,317 (1%)

New York
 Joseph Dobrian (District 8) 1,129 (1%)

North Carolina
 Michael Ruff (District 1) 2,093 (1.50%)
 Gary Minter (District 2) 2,101 (1%)
 Gary Goodson (District 3) 13,486 (9%)
 Ken Nelson (District 4) 5,724 (3%)
 Tara Grubb (District 6) 16,067 (10%)
 David M. Brooks (District 7) 2,574 (2%)
 Mark Andrew Johnson (District 8) 2,619 (2%)
 Chris Cole (District 9) 3,374 (2%)
 Christopher M. Hill (District 10) 4,937 (3%)
 Eric Henry (District 11) 3,261 (2%)
 Carey Head (District 12) 2,830 (2%)
 Alex MacDonald (District 13) 5,251 (3%)

Oklahoma
 Joseph V. Cristiano (District 1) 4,740 (2.21%)
 Robert Murphy (District 3) 47,884 (24%)
 Donna Davis (District 5) 10,471 (5%)

Oregon
 Beth King (District 1) 7,235 (3%)
 Mike Wood (District 2) 5,661 (2%)
 Kevin Jones (District 3) 4,541 (2%)
 Chris Bigelow (District 4) 4,369 (2%)

Pennsylvania
 Thomas Martin (District 5) 17,977 (13%)
 Mickey Paoletta (District 19) 5,985 (4%)

South Carolina
 James Legg (District 2) 9,611 (6%)
 Michael Boerste (District 3) 2,764 (2%)
 Doug Kendall (District 5) 10,949 (8%)
 Craig Augenstein (District 6) 1,661 (1%)

South Dakota
 Terry Begay (At-Large) 3,117 (1%)

Tennessee
 Joshua Williamson (District 2) 1,110 (0.60%)
 William Bolen (District 3) 1,718 (1%)
 John Ray (District 4) 606 (0.30%)
 Jesse Turner (District 5) 877 (0.50%)
 Richard Patterson (District 7) 5,403 (2.80%)

Texas
 Peter Beach (District 2) 1,353 (1%)
 John Davis (District 3) 2,652 (1.70%)
 Barbara Robinson (District 4) 3,042 (1.80%)
 Dan Michalski (District 5) 1,283 (0.90%)
 Frank Brady (District 6) 1,947 (1.20%)
 Drew Parks (District 7) 11,545 (11%)
 Gil Guillory (District 8) 10,310 (6.90%)
 Dean Tucker (District 9) 1,220 (0.80%)
 Michele Messina (District 10) 20,671 (15.5%)
 Paul Farris (District 11) 1,926 (1.40%)
 Ed Hanson (District 12) 10,906 (8.20%)
 Fred Jones (District 17) 2,180 (1.30%)
 Brent Sullivan (District 18) 1,778 (1.40%)
 Larry Johnson (District 19) 10,683 (8.40%)
 D.G. Roberts (District 21) 4,044 (1.80%)
 Gerald LaFleur (District 22) 1,609 (1%)
 Jeffrey C. Blunt (District 23) 1,106 (0.70%)
 Ken Ashby (District 24) 1,560 (1.40%)

Guy McLendon (District 25) 1,089 (1%)
 David Croft (District 26) 2,370 (1.40%)
 Chris Claytor (District 27) 2,641 (2.40%)
 Bill Stallknecht (District 28) 2,054 (2%)
 Paul Hansen (District 29) 2,799 (4.90%)
 Lance Flores (District 30) 1,855 (1.50%)
 Clark Simmons (District 31) 2,034 (1.30%)
 Steven Martin (District 32) 1,581 (1.10%)

Utah
 Ron Copier (District 2) 1,579 (1%)
 Kitty Burton (District 3) 5,405 (5%)

Vermont
 Daniel Krymkowski (At-Large) 1,788 (1%)

Virginia
 Ron Crickenberger (District 8) 4,490 (2.64%)

Washington
 Mark B. Wilson (District 1) 3,833 (3%)
 Bruce Guthrie (District 2) 2,925 (2%)
 Rob Chase (District 5) 7,443 (5%)
 John Bennett (District 6) 5,767 (4%)
 Mark Andrew Taff (District 8) 3,057 (3%)
 John Mills (District 9) 2,977 (3%)

Wisconsin
 George Meyers (District 1) 4,266 (2%)
 Jeff Zastrow (District 3) 6,674 (3%)

Wyoming
 Lewis Stock (At-Large) 5,751 (3%)

STATEWIDE RACES

Alabama
 John Sophocleus • Governor 23,242 (2%)
 Lyn Curtis Adams • Lt. Governor 21,930 (1.63%)
 Wilson Myers • Attorney General 29,135 (2.20%)
 Mark Bodenhausen • Secretary of State 25,350 (1.97%)
 Gabriel Garland • Treasurer 30,074 (2.32%)
 Franklin Reeves • Auditor 41,323 (3.24%)
 Tom Bear • State Supreme Court 29,063 (2.22%)

Alaska
 Billy Toien • Governor 895 (0.45%)
 Al Anders • Lt. Governor 901 (0.45%)

Arizona
 Barry J. Hess • Governor 17,144 (2%)
 Edmund Kahn • Attorney General 32,377 (3.3%)
 Sean Nottingham • Secretary of State 43,277 (4.40%)
 John Zajac • Superintendent of Public Instruction 35,545 (3.70%)

California
 Art Olivier • Governor (Write-in 0%)
 Pat Wright • Lt. Governor 96,966 (1.40%)
 Ed Kuwatch • Attorney General 114,221 (1.7%)
 Gail Lightfoot • Secretary of State 183,341 (2.90%)
 Marian V. Smithson • Treasurer 151,889 (2.3%)

Colorado
 Ralph Shnelvar • Governor 20,005 (1.44%)
 Desiree Hackett Hickson • Lt. Governor 20,005 (1.44%)
 Dwight Harding • Attorney General 23,884 (1.86%)
 David Aitken • Secretary of State 39,797 (3.19%)
 Gaar Potter • State Treasurer 32,563 (2.62%)

Connecticut
 Darlene Nicholas • Secretary of State 13,919 (1.46%)
 Ken Mosher • State Treasurer 12,449 (1.32%)
 Lenny Rasch • Comptroller 12,662 (1.36%)

Georgia
 Garrett Michael Hayes • Governor 47,846 (2.4%)
 Herbie Galloway • Lt. Governor 51,922 (2.6%)
 Michael Pitts • Secretary of State 62,957 (3.1%)
 James Harris • Public Service Commission (District 4) 104,852 (5.40%)
 Helmut Forren • State Insurance Commissioner 52,148 (2.60%)
 Doug Morton • Commissioner of Agriculture 69,326 (3.50%)
 William Costa • Commissioner of Labor 66,533 (3.40%)
 Lynn Krogseng • State School Superintendent 56,762 (2.80%)

Hawaii
 Tracy Ahn Ryan • Governor 1,364 (0.40%)
 Ken Vaughan • Lt. Governor 1,364 (0.40%)

Idaho
 Daniel L.J. Adams • Governor 8,177 (2%)
 Michael J. Kempf • Lt. Governor 15,740 (3.9%)
 Sherwin M. Fellen • State Treasurer 14,893 (3.80%)
 Greg Nalder • State Controller 18,665 (4.8%)
 Robbi L. Kier • Supervisor of Public Instruction 10,163 (2.50%)

Illinois
 Cal Skinner • Governor 73,197 (2%)
 Jim Tobin • Lt. Governor 73,197 (2.09%)
 Gary Shilts • Attorney General 86,982 (3%)
 Matt Beauchamp • Secretary of State 78,285 (2%)
 Rhys Read • State Treasurer 65,821 (2%)
 Julie Fox • Comptroller 142,585 (4%)

Indiana
 Lisa Tennes • Clerk of the Supreme Court 61,376 (4.29%)
 Rebecca Sink-Burris • Secretary of State 60,921 (4.1%)
 Sam Goldstein • State Treasurer 63,342 (4.34%)
 Bruce Parisi • State Auditor 49,043 (3.37%)

Iowa
 Clyde Cleveland • Governor 12,957 (1.27%)
 Richard Campagna • Lt. Governor 12,957 (1.27%)
 Fritz Groszkruiger • Secretary of Agriculture 11,121 (1.14%)
 Edward Noyes • Attorney General 16,420 (1.66%)
 Sylvia Sanders Olson • Secretary of State 21,189 (2.17%)
 Tim Hird • State Treasurer 19,485 (2.01%)
 Christy Ann Welty • State Auditor 48,755 (5.14%)

Kansas
 Dennis Hawver • Governor 7,936 (1%)
 Joel Heller • Lt. Governor 7,936 (0.96%)

Maryland
 Spear Lancaster • Governor 11,520 (0.68%)
 Lorenzo Gaztanaga • Lt. Governor 11,520 (.68%)

Massachusetts
 Carla Howell • Governor 23,271 (1.07%)
 Rich Aucoin • Lt. Governor 23,271 (1.07%)

Michigan
 Diane Barnes • State Board of Education 74,519 (2.74%)
 Scott A. Boman • State Board of Education 88,085 (1.58%)

Nebraska
 Tudor I. Lewis • Secretary of State 8,582 (1.98%)

Nevada
 Richard L. Geyer • Governor 8,103 (2%)
 Billy Oswald • Lt. Governor 9,345 (1.86%)
 Chuck Eby • Controller 11,122 (2.70%)

New Hampshire
 John Babiarz • Governor 12,939 (3%)

New York
 Scott Jeffrey • Governor 9,076 (0.21%)
 Jay Greco • Lt. Governor 9,076 (0.21%)

Oklahoma
 Roger Bloxham • Corporation Commissioner 51,155 (5.08%)

Oregon
 Thomas Cox • Governor 47,444 (5%)

Pennsylvania
 Kenneth V. Krawchuk • Governor 40,817 (1%)
 Henry Haller • Lt. Governor 40,874 (1.20%)

South Carolina
 Kenneth Curtis • Lt. Governor 15,446 (1.44%)
 Marva Manigault • State Superintendent of Public Instruction 23,319 (2.18%)

South Dakota
 Nathan A. Barton • Governor 1,984 (1%)
 Eric Risty • Lt. Governor 1,983 (0.59%)
 Bob Newland • Attorney General 12,131 (3.72%)
 Alex Martin • Secretary of State 7,878 (2.44%)
 William Stone • Commissioner of Public Lands and Schools 8,315 (2.67%)

Tennessee
 Ray Ledford • Governor 1,582 (0.10%)

Texas
 Jeff Daille • Governor 66,100 (1.50%)
 Mark Gessner • Lt. Governor 54,165 (1.20%)
 Betty Hernandez • Land Commissioner 180,196 (4.10%)
 Jon Roland • Attorney General 56,253 (1.3%)
 Eugene J. Flynn • Chief Justice State Supreme Court 79,435 (1.80%)
 Quannah Parker • State Supreme Court (Place 1) 101,942 (2.40%)
 Nazirite R. Flores-Perez • State Railroad Commissioner 109,293 (2.50%)
 Stephan Kinsella • State Court of Criminal Appeals (Place 1) 70,719 (1.60%)
 Vince May • Commissioner of Agriculture 51,547 (1.20%)
 Bowie Ibarra • State Comptroller of Public Accounts 53,091 (1.20%)

Vermont
 Joel Williams • Governor 1,432 (1%)
 Chris Costanzo • Attorney General 3,991 (1.80%)
 Denny Lane • State Auditor 3,676 (1.70%)

Wisconsin
 Ed Thompson • Governor 185,352 (10.40%)
 Marty Reynolds • Lt. Governor 183,352 (10.40%)

Wyoming
 Dave Dawson • Governor 3,800 (2%)
 Marie Brossman • Secretary of State 29,751 (17.60%)

POLITICS 2002

A first-timer, praise, and *The Barbershop*

■ In Illinois, **Mike Dixon** was appointed executive director of the state LP. In Washington, DC, **Aaron Biterman** was elected president of the new American University College Libertarians. In Indiana, **Al Cox** was elected chairman of the Brown County LP; **Chris Bousum** was named chairman of the Howard County LP; and **Dennis Stork** was selected as chair of the Harrison County LP. In Washington, DC, **George Getz** was promoted to communications director at the national LP office. Previously, he served as LP press secretary. In Washington state, **Michael Justice** is now the acting Chair of the West King County LP. In Virginia, George Mason University libertarians formed a Students for Individual Liberty group and elected **Zac Gochenhour** as president.

■ Endorsements: In the final weeks leading up to the November 5 election, a number of Libertarians were endorsed by local newspapers: **Jim Young** (State House, District 64) by the *Chicago Daily Herald* in Illinois; **Jimmy Harris** (Public Service Commissioner) by the alternative weekly newspaper *Creative Loafing* in Atlanta; **Margaret Alia Denny** (Arapahoe County clerk and recorder) by the *Denver Post* in Colorado; **Bruce Parisi** (state auditor) by the *Ft. Wayne News Sentinel* in Indiana; and **Jerome Kohn** (State House, District 28), by the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Chicago Sun-Times* in Illinois. In addition, the *Boulder Weekly* endorsed **Ralph Shnelvar** (governor), **Isaac Davenport** (State House), and **W. Earl Allen** (State House) in Colorado, while the *San Mateo County Daily News* endorsed **Maad Abu-Ghazalah** (US. House, District 12) in California.

■ **Media news:** The saucy "Ladies of Liberty" calendar — featuring North Carolina State House candidate **Rachel Mills** and others — got some inside-the-beltway coverage when it was mentioned in the *Washington Times* on October 17. In Illinois, LP activist **Shereé Stevens** is hosting a television show — colorfully entitled *Ballots, Bullets & Babes* — on Mondays at 7:30 pm on Cable Channel 21 in Chicago. Nice comments from Frank Schier, editor of the *Rock River Times* (Rockford, Illinois), on October 31, 2002: "The most viable third party is the Libertarians. They want reform, and we sure need it."



■ **Shereé Stevens is hosting Chicago's *Ballots, Bullets & Babes*.**

■ **Miscellaneous:** In Florida, **Tyson Richman** was appointed to the Tampa Code Enforcement Board. In Indiana, LP candidate for secretary of state **Rebecca-Sink Burris** was named "the best volunteer" in Marion County. In Indiana, first-time voter **Melissa Harbeson**, 19, was able to cast a vote for her father **John** (running for Clark County Council, District 3) and her mother **Debbie** (State Senate, District 45) on November 5. In Virginia, the Jefferson Area Libertarians honored past national chair (and beer aficionado) **Jim Lark** for his service to the Libertarian Party. Lark was given a beer stein and a talking beer bottle opener at an Octoberfest party on October 13.

■ **More endorsements:** LP candidates who earned support from organizations and from other political parties included **David Aitken** (Colorado secretary of state) by the Natural Law Party; **Ron Crickenberger** (U.S. House, District 8) by the National Taxpayers Union Campaign Fund (NTUCF) in Virginia; **Joe Conklin** (Monmouth County Freeholder) by the American Reform Party in New Jersey; and **Stephanie Sailor** (U.S. House, District 9) by the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA) and the Illinois Committee for Honest Government.

■ **Movie review:** The most libertarian movie currently in theaters is *Barbershop*, says **Ari Armstrong** at his Colorado Freedom Report (www.co-freedom.com). The urban comedy (starring Ice Cube and Cedric the Entertainer) is a "great libertarian film that explores the virtues of entrepreneurship and community involvement," he says, and makes the point that the "key to personal success is hard work."

■ In Vermont, Libertarians are mourning the death of **Hugh Douglas**, 75, who passed away on September 21. Douglas is a past Chair of the Burlington Libertarian Committee and candidate for office. The Vermont LP will posthumously award him with the Lifetime Libertarian Award. In South Carolina, Beaufort County LP Chairman **Warren Huddle Eilertson**, 71, was killed in a car crash on October 10. In Oklahoma, longtime Libertarian activist and frequent candidate for local office **Agnes Regier** died on October 26.

■ In South Dakota, Common Sense Justice announced the winner of its Amendment A "Courthouse Horror Story" contest. Taking the \$2,002 first prize was Jennifer A. Stahl, with a story about her uncle who was falsely accused of a drug offense by the son of the woman he was dating.

IN OFFICE

In Piqua, Ohio, LP city councilman fights 'heavy-handed' government

Outnumbered four to one, he still helps shape terms of the debate

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some people think that one Libertarian in local office can't achieve much. But don't tell that to Bob DeBrosse.

"One Libertarian on a board can be successful in shaping the terms of debate and discouraging fellow members from pursuing anti-liberty objectives," he said. "One can also point out when the emperor has no clothes, using the position as a bully pulpit."

And DeBrosse should know. For nine years, the 49-year-old native of Piqua, Ohio has been the lone Libertarian on the five-member city commission, and has fought many political battles.

Currently serving his first year of his third four-year term on the non-partisan board, DeBrosse is able to look back on a long list of accomplishments.

For example, since he has been in office, there have been zero tax increases. Even in 1998, when the city manager proposed raising taxes to finance a new city hall, DeBrosse was able to defer the decision until the transition could be financed with existing city revenue.

Then there was the time in 1996 when DeBrosse spearheaded an ordinance along with a local organization, Citizens for Property Rights, that would allow individuals to do their own electrical work without a licensed electrician.

No rash of fires

"There weren't a lot of people concerned about this issue at first, but I held a public meeting sponsored by the local LP and got some good news coverage," he said. "Interestingly, the rash of electrical fires that opponents of the initiative predicted never occurred."

One of the most interesting "semi-achievements," said DeBrosse, was reducing the penalty imposed if a person's stereo was "plainly audible" from a distance of 50 feet. If found guilty, subsequent violators of the law could be charged with a first-degree misdemeanor — not to mention confiscation of the stereo equipment.

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■ **Piqua (Ohio) city councilman Bob DeBrosse: "There's no doubt in my mind that if I wasn't there, Piqua would be a less libertarian place to live."**

"This was basically just a new tool for local police to use to pick on people they didn't like," he said. "It was intrusive and unnecessary, and I wanted to see it defeated."

To accomplish this objective, DeBrosse did demonstrations for a local news crew on a Ford Taurus. He proved on-camera that with the volume turned up just halfway, the sound from the vehicle's speakers was clearly audible from such a distance.

Then, at the next city commission meeting, DeBrosse was able to strike the confiscation clause and reduce the penalty from a first-degree to a fourth-degree offense.

Trying another strategy at the next City Commission meeting, DeBrosse then suggested that the confiscation clause be dropped. His amendment passed — but so did the noise abatement law.

Public square curfew

DeBrosse has also exposed selective enforcement practices behind a downtown public square curfew, defeated the establishment of a "downtown design review board," and lobbied for bringing new business, such as a Honda dealership, into the town.

In addition, DeBrosse helped organize a group of Libertarian city council members in the state — six in number — to form a discussion group that shares ideas and political experiences.

"There are a lot of small issues that you can't just look up the answer in the Big Libertarian Answer Book," he said. "But it definitely helps when you have like-minded people that you can talk to about turning libertarian

ideas into public policy." And there are bound to be many more political challenges ahead, said DeBrosse.

For instance, he said, there is a rising call for regulation of a local video store that sells adult materials. It appears that some of the conservative city's 20,000 residents have been demanding that the store be forced to close if it does not "clean up its act."

However, DeBrosse, who has been a member of the LP since 1976, condemns such calls as demands for "heavy-handed" government.

Why force morality?

"This is a brand-new business that is not harming anyone else by being here," he said. "My perspective is, if you don't like the business, don't spend your money there and tell the owner why you won't spend your money there. But you have no right to force your own morality on other people."

DeBrosse isn't sure what his political future holds. He may run again for state representative, as he did last spring — when he won 25% of the vote in his hometown. He may run for a city commissioner term again, or "retire" from politics.

However, DeBrosse said he is proud to have spent nine years fighting for the liberty of Piqua citizens.

"There are a lot of ordinances that don't even get proposed because I'm on the board," he said. "There's no doubt in my mind that if I wasn't there, Piqua would be a less libertarian place to live."

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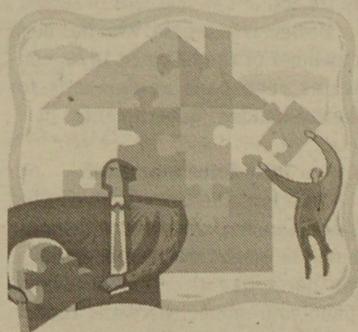
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THE FORUM

Looking to the party's future: Reform, outreach, positioning

Editor's note: The 2002 election is history, and Libertarians are thinking about what comes next. To encourage this discussion, *LP News* is devoting November's and December's Forums to the future of the party. Topics will include strategy, philosophy, and marketing. For expanded versions of the essays printed below, visit the online "Forum" section of the December issue of *LP News* (www.LP.org/lpnews).



Reforming Government

One electoral strategy not yet employed by the Libertarian Party nationally has been to aggressively advocate institutional, governmental reform measures.

Such measures could appeal to voters (and non-voters), regardless of their respective positions on topics such as abortion, gun control, foreign policy, drugs, capital punishment, etc. Perhaps by getting folks to listen to us on less philosophically charged issues, they might be more inclined to consider our more controversial positions.

So what might we advocate?

(1) The direct-democratic mechanism of recall, by citizen initiative and referendum. Currently, 25 or so states now lack this tool. Even in some states which have recall, it is limited in scope.

Think of what the recall mechanism can be to voters: A tool to discipline sitting officeholders (taxpayer employees) between elections.

Advocating a recall mechanism in state constitutions, applicable to state, county, and municipal officeholders, could be a great issue-driven way for state parties to approach less-philosophical voters who nonetheless like the idea of greater voter control over elected officials.

(2) "None of the Above" (NOTA). Here's an institutional reform issue that's endorsed in our platform.

NOTA has been endorsed from the Greens and Nader on the left to the

Wall Street Journal editorial board on the right. Yet only Nevada has the NOTA choice.

Aggressively advocating NOTA, particularly in addition to establishing a recall provision in states without the measure, could only help define the LP as the party which doesn't fear voters, as the party which advocates political accountability.

(3) A "Truth-in-Legislation" requirement in the U.S. Constitution.

"Truth in legislation" is a name given by law professor Brannon Denning for something in legalese called the "single-subject, descriptive-title" requirement for legislation.

Forty-three states have had some form of this measure in their constitutions for at least 40 years, requiring that a bill embrace only one subject, and that the subject be clearly identified in the title (e.g., elections; bankruptcy; water use; etc.).

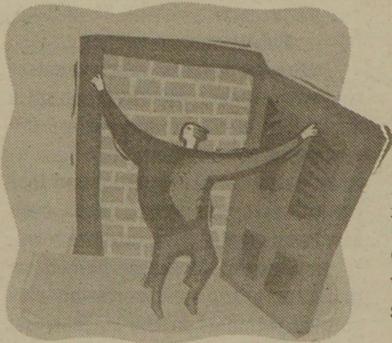
Denning, in a 1999 law review article, proposed a simple version as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "Congress shall pass no bill, and no bill shall become law, which embraces more than one subject, that subject being clearly addressed in the title."

This is an idea just waiting to be exploited by LP candidates for the U.S. House and Senate.

With such a requirement for legislation, no longer would special interest groups be able to get their favorite power-brokers to slip in unrelated amendments to popular bills.

While being the party of principle and the party of liberty, we can also be the party of political accountability and truth-in-legislation. We can thus position the LP as the "good-government" party — in addition to being an ideological party dedicated to sharply limited government.

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Mainstream Libertarianism

In October 1990, I began my association with the Libertarian Party. Having been introduced to

the LP in 1988 due to Ron Paul's campaign for president, I was intrigued by its principles and then became very fervent in my desire to see freedom in our time. Many would have rightly pegged me as a "purist" Libertarian. Smash the state! Abolish the IRS! End the drug war now!

While still passionately believing in these ideals, I slowly realized that this hardcore approach just wasn't accomplishing the goal of achieving greater liberty for all.

How many Libertarians would be happy to legalize marijuana use and possession? To see income taxes slashed by 50%?

Isn't that the vision which drove us to joining the Libertarian Party? Isn't that what compels us to cast our votes for Libertarian candidates each election cycle? It was and still is the driving force for myself.

You see, I want the Libertarian Party to succeed at restoring and expanding our liberties. It is only the Libertarians who promote human freedom and self-responsibility, something that the Incumbent Parties refuse to do as their agenda is antithetical to ours.

But after 30 years of existence, the question remains: How do we succeed? My answer: Become politically relevant; become mainstream.

To start, we must begin to think outside the box. Accepted practices within our organizational culture harm, not help our cause.

For example, running paper candidacies should be discouraged. They only perpetuate an "expect little, gain little" mentality within the LP and demonstrate to voters that we really aren't interested in winning elections. Each of us must raise our expectations.

Encourage candidates to run active, vibrant campaigns. As we continually improve our campaigns, our vote totals will rise and we will meet with an improved public perception of not just our candidates, but our agenda as well.

But we must not focus completely on candidates. How about ballot issues as well? These are prime opportunities to not only gain real-world political experience, but to associate the LP with success.

In my own experience, I found this to be an excellent method of associating the LP with winning causes. Between 1995 and 1997, I organized opposition campaigns to local school bonds and was victorious each time. For nearly two years afterward, the press regularly consulted me on educational and tax related stories, want-

ing to know the Libertarian position!

When we can consistently impact an election either by winning outright or being a spoiler, giving citizens an opportunity to throw off their shackles through ballot issues, becoming appointed to office or what have you, the Libertarian Party and its message will become part of the American mainstream, politically and culturally.

Isn't it the dream of all Libertarians to become a part of such a sea change and realize our goals are becoming accepted? Mainstream the LP so it's indistinguishable from the Incumbent Parties? Absolutely not! Bring the LP into the mainstream? Most certainly yes!

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By Gene Trosper



Defending the Party's Purity

During the 2000 election season, the Reform Party suffered a massive ideological upheaval as the vaguely defined "centrist" politics of Ross Perot and Jesse Ventura were overwhelmed by a massive influx of Buchananite conservatives bent on taking over the party.

What is most interesting about those events is that at no time was there any serious concern that such a takeover could happen to the Libertarians.

Unlike the Reform Party, members of the Libertarian Party adhere to a clearly stated moral principle that serves as the backbone of our platform. The Libertarian Party is, simply, the political manifestation of a philosophical movement that began when Ayn Rand asked, "Who is John Galt?"

Up to that point, there was no such thing as a Libertarian — only libertarian. From Locke and Jefferson to Hayek, Von Mises, and Goldwater, the label for advocates of limited government and free markets had been "Whig" or "classical liberal."

Rand's unique contribution to the formation of the Libertarian Movement was a simple statement near the end of *Atlas Shrugged*, when the hero of her story announces to the world, "there is one act of evil that ... no man may commit against others and no man may sanction or forgive. So long as men desire to live together, no man may initiate ... the use of physical force against others."

Her proclamation serves as the guiding rule which defines our party and philosophy — the acceptance of which is a condition of membership, shown by the signing of our pledge: "I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

It is the LP's coherent, consistent ideology that stands as the greatest bulwark against an ambitious demagogue like Pat Buchanan.

Yet despite this simple standard, a battle is raging to silence those who take that standard seriously.

New and even older members are complaining of the existence of a so-called "purity police" mentality that allegedly dominates the party.

For those so pejoratively labeled as purists, no charge is so damning as the one that shows them as holding a passionate, consistent and dedicated view of what is meant by the word "Libertarian."

What this means in practice is that the purist Libertarian advocates, among other things, private roads, unrestricted immigration, the absolute separation of school and state, and an end to compulsory taxation.

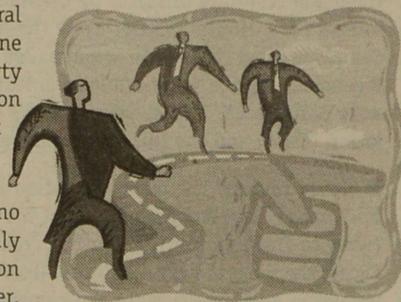
Critics of such "extremist" beliefs dismiss as knee-jerk or libertine those who hold them — but without ever explaining why. It is taken for granted today that an ardent Libertarian should be discounted as utopian or "out of touch."

It's often argued that abolishing public schools or the income tax, or even repealing all gun control laws simply isn't "practical."

Of course it isn't! The overwhelming majority of Americans subscribe to the socialist/fascist worldview, and so are opposed to such ideas. Though this is certainly a problem, it is our problem as Libertarians to fix; educating the masses about principled government is the cross we bear.

For those Libertarians who oppose presenting our ideas in full because of the PR nightmare that would ensue, it is necessary to remind them that appeasement has never been an effective way of fighting tyranny.

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Crunching the Poll Numbers

In the time between major election cycles, the Libertarian Party should analyze its strength and weaknesses and prepare to do better next time around.

Many political groups spend a lot of money to have polls conducted to gather the type of data we seek. We are lucky in that the Rasmussen Por-

trait of America poll has already done this — for free.

Two polls were conducted in 2000 that should be of particular interest to Libertarian activists.

The first was a Libertarian litmus test. It basically surveyed a scientific sample of the population with the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

The other poll analyzed who was voting for Harry Browne. The former tells us who is a libertarian and the latter tells us who votes Libertarian. This data illuminates both the good and the bad.

The good news is that we have a lot of room to grow. Next to centrists, Libertarians are the largest ideological group at 16% of the public.

However, only 2% of the population actually applies the word Libertarian to itself. This shows both our failure to educate the public about libertarianism and also our potential for growth. While changing public opinion is important, we have the potential to grow our ranks by simply convincing those who agree with us to support us.

Trying to turn libertarians into Libertarian Party members can be difficult. Most libertarians just want to be left alone and don't want politics to invade their life.

We can sell our party to them as a product, but to do that we have to deliver liberty. We need to provide demonstrations of how supporting the Libertarian Party means more

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Our party needs to focus on grassroots organizing and implementing its platform. We need to back our message up, but we also have to take a serious look at our message.

The poll of Browne supporters showed that they are the least religious group of voters out there. They are less likely to attend church than the supporters of other candidates.

Conversely, people with libertarian views tend to be very religious. Those who attend church more than four times a month are more likely to be libertarians than conservatives.

As a Christian Libertarian myself, I can attest to the fact that people who study Christ's message of love, tolerance, and responsibility can easily find themselves sporting libertarian political views. How then do we fail to convince this large voting block to support our party?

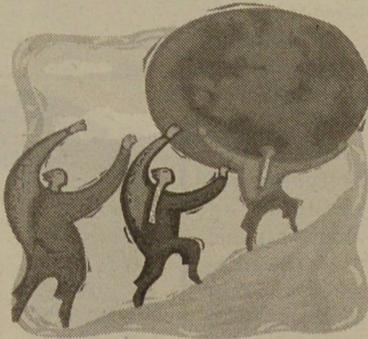
Part of the problem is the caustic, selfish nature of much of the Liber-

tarian Party's rhetoric. We tell people that we want to be left alone and that we want our money back. This does not play well with people who have compassion for their neighbors.

Separating Ayn Rand and Objectivism from the party can also help us. Not every Libertarian subscribes completely to the objectivist philosophy. Further, we're not a philosophy club and should not concern ourselves too much with philosophy. We are a political party and that is important to remember.

It's time to build a bigger and broader Libertarian Party for 2004.

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Standing Out From the Crowd

In the classic marketing book, *Positioning*, authors Al Ries and Jack Trout tell how to be seen

and heard in the overcrowded marketplace. This applies as much to politics and candidates as it does to products like shaving cream and beer.

For many Libertarian candidates, limited government experience and name recognition means we have no market position. We must understand this if we are to overcome this.

In David Eisenbacher's campaign for Troy City Council in 2001, we had many hurdles to overcome.

David was relatively new to Michigan — he had only lived in the state for three years. He had some government experience; he had been on the Troy Historic District Commission for eight months.

With nine candidates running for two seats, what would make him stand out in this field of candidates where many were life-long Troy residents with more extensive resumes?

The previous year, Libertarian Martin Howrylak won a seat on the Troy City Council by campaigning against the pension plan the council voted for themselves. There were rumors that the council planned to try to pass the plan again.

The idea of asking all candidates to sign a pledge stating that they opposed the pension came up.

There was a long discussion. If we implemented the pledge and all candidates signed, we would not be able to taint the character of the one incumbent who was running (who had voted for the pension at first, and then voted to repeal it).

But if we did not implement the pledge, the incumbent could easily

dodge allegations that he voted for the pension by also saying that he later voted to repeal it.

So, we added a twist. Our goal would be to position Eisenbacher as a leader. He would offer the pension pledge and then the candidates would have only two choices: One,

they could sign the pledge and follow Eisenbacher's lead — in which case he has positioned himself as a leader. Or two, they could refuse to sign — in which case we could hammer them with the issue.

As a further twist, Eisenbacher stated that he cared about the city so much that he wanted the pledge in place so that regardless of the outcome of the election, the residents of Troy would be protected.

Eisenbacher sprung the trap during a debate. Six of the nine candidates signed the pledge. One of those who refused to sign was the incumbent. The results were sent out in a press release the next day.

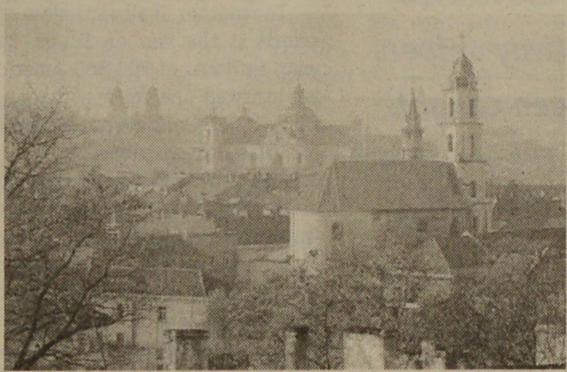
Although Eisenbacher still lost the election, it was close. But he earned great name recognition — and ran again and won two years later.

What can you do to stand out from the crowd in your next campaign? One thing is for sure — if you do not already have a market position, a bold move will give you one.

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This international libertarian conference will be co-sponsored by the Libertarian International and the Libertarian Alliance (UK). We will soon be reporting on an amazingly high-powered lineup of speakers from throughout the former communist bloc. Speakers confirmed are Yuri Maltsev, former advisor to Gorbachev (now teaching Austrian economics in the US), Jaroslav Romanchuk

(Belarus), who introduced the Russian version of Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged* to Andrei Illarionov, chief economic advisor to Russian president Putin.

Others on the program will include activists and academics from throughout the neighboring Baltic States and the former communist bloc.

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THE CHAIR

The party's challenge: Revolutionary change

In 1980, as a 25-year-old Data Processing Manager and Vice President of an insurance company, my CEO decided that I should attend a conference with the Comptroller and the Senior Accountant of the company. He felt that it would be to the company's advantage if I had a better grasp of the ramifications of some recent tax legislation. So I found myself in San Diego in the company of more than 3,000 accountants.

Since much of the conference concerned things of which I had little or no interest, I became quite familiar with the pool, the bar, and the local attractions. A few of the seminars were of marginal interest to me, and I did attend the keynote speech. That speech has stayed with me to this day.

I don't remember the man's name, or which university he taught at. What I do remember is that this speech was the first time I'd ever heard of change management.

His message was simple: "Manage change, or it will manage you."

He told a great story about teaching change management to a class of graduate students: "Change comes from top to bottom, inside out — top to bottom, inside out."

"A student told me that he wanted to change the way things were in the business world, but wanted to keep his long hair and beard, and wanted to keep on wearing T-shirts, shorts and sandals. I told him he'd never change anything that way. If he wanted to change things, he should cut his hair and beard, wear a suit, get into a company and play the corporate game. He should be a good corporate employee, excel at what he did, work his way up, and perhaps one day he'd be the top dog. Then, when he becomes top dog, he can grow his hair and beard, put his T-shirt, shorts and sandals back on, and fire everyone who doesn't look like him. That's how change is managed."

A student from his class asks: "But doesn't change ever happen from bottom to top, outside in?"

"Yes," replied the professor, "it does — it's called revolution."

I have often thought of how true these observations are. Indeed if your objective is to change an existing organization, then you have to work your way up from within, and then make changes from the top down, inside out. But if your objective is to challenge an existing organization, then revolution is the answer.

Back in 1980, the corporate world was lead by companies like IBM, where the dress code was legendary. Many revolutionaries said "I won't join and cut my hair — I'll revolt and challenge you instead." Some of these revolutionaries were people like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates. They started new companies that challenged the old paradigms of the corporate world. Then IBM, over the next decades, responded to the challenge by changing "top to bottom, inside out," and they are still doing well today. Instead of one giant presence in the computer world, there are now many.

I think the same principle applies to politics. It all depends on your perspective.

If your objective is to change the Republican Party, then join them. Hide your libertarian philosophies. Work your way up the leadership chain. When you become the top dog in the Republican Party, then you can reveal yourself as a libertarian, and start the change from top to bottom, inside out. Yeah, right.

Or we can recognize what we are: *revolutionaries*. We must build a new paradigm that will challenge both the Democrats and Republicans. Every step of our success will force them to change from top to bottom, inside out. In the political world, our success will not drive the opposition farther from us, but will instead draw the opposition closer to us. This is why the Democrats and Republicans differ on so few issues — they have both challenged and responded to challenges from each other, and drawn closer to each other in response.

Likewise, internally within the Libertarian Party, we must manage change from top to bottom, inside out, lest we be challenged from outside. This is one of my primary objectives as your Chair.

The aforementioned professor also made one other simple point: "If a bunch of people are in a boat, and the boat is rocking, who is the only one who is stable and in control? Why, the one rocking the boat, of course." Let's go rock the boat.



By Geoffrey Neale

LP NATIONAL CHAIR

From serial snipers to burglars: Fixing America's crime problem

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, *LP News* will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a more libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Before the Beltway Sniper suspects were captured by Maryland police, the DC shooting spree had captivated the nation.

On radio and television shows. In telephone conversations. In the supermarket checkout line. Everyone was speculating about when and where the audacious assassin would strike next.

Now that police have made arrests and gathered fairly conclusive evidence, it appears that this particular criminal episode is over. However, the perennial problem of crime still remains. Even with the alleged serial snipers behind bars and awaiting trial, Americans are still not safe from the risk of crime.

During the 1990s, the overall crime rate dropped dramatically — falling by about 23% from 1994 to 2000, according to FBI Uniform Crime Reports.

Nevertheless, current FBI data shows that every 2.7 seconds, a crime is still being committed somewhere in the United States. Such crimes include burglaries (one every 15 seconds), robberies (one every 1.3 minutes), rapes (one every 5.8 minutes), and murders (one every 33.9 minutes).

Still a problem

Clearly, crime is still a problem in America, writes Ray Lehman of the non-partisan Independent Institute.

"Not only does it leave residents in a state of fear, but high crime also compounds and exacerbates other modern urban problems: destroying neighborhoods, depressing property values, discouraging housing development, scaring off businesses, and even threatening children in the public schools," he wrote.

Starting in the 1980s, the government sought to address concerns about crime by locking up more people. The justice system took to the task with a vengeance: According to statistics from the Bureau of Justice (a division of the Department of Justice), the number of inmates per 100,000 population nearly doubled during the 1990s — from 458 to 702.

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According to Bureau of Justice statistician Allen Beck, "The increase in prisoners amid a declining crime rate could be attributed to tougher federal and state sentencing guidelines, longer sentences and a greater tendency to return parole violators to prison."

Of course, Libertarians support government action when it comes to

population — are being housed for non-violent offenses. Such offenses include drug possession and trafficking, prostitution, gambling, insider trading, and other such "crimes."

Overall, the crackdown on victimless crimes since 1980 has doubled the U.S. prison population from about 1 million prisoners to 2 million. The United States now has the dubious distinction of being the world's busiest jailer.

But America can be tough on crime without building more prisons and locking up more citizens. To get America's crime problem under control, Libertarians would:

■ **Repeal every victimless crime law.**

These laws make criminals out of peaceful, honest citizens who have harmed no one except, in some cases, themselves. In so doing, these laws divert police resources from identifying and capturing

real criminals — those who have initiated force or fraud against others.

The mother of all victimless crime efforts is the War on Drugs. Every year, upwards of 700,000 Americans are arrested just for marijuana, and tens of thousands are put behind bars for various drug crimes.

The problem: There is only so much prison space available, so peaceful people imprisoned for smoking a marijuana cigarette are crowding out vicious thugs who were behind bars for rape, robbery, and murder.

The result: Violent criminals who are freed to make room for drug offenders commit an average of 40 robberies, seven assaults, 110 burglaries, and 25 auto thefts, according to research compiled by the Cato Institute's Michael Tanner.

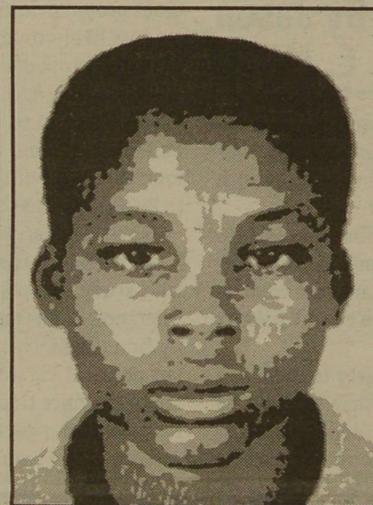
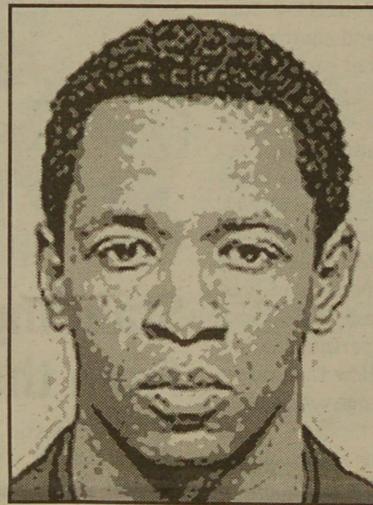
The War on Drugs has also turned many of America's cities into war zones.

As former LP presidential candidate Harry Browne pointed out, there are no gangs fighting over aspirin territories or computer territories — only over illegal drug territories. This black-market dynamic makes American urban centers far less safe for non-drug users.

Consider this: When alcohol prohibition was repealed in 1933, the murder rate decreased almost 50%. After the War on Drugs was declared, however, the murder rate jumped back up to prohibition levels.

The War on Drugs is a war on all Americans, and should be ended. A good first step would be to legalize marijuana — a move that public

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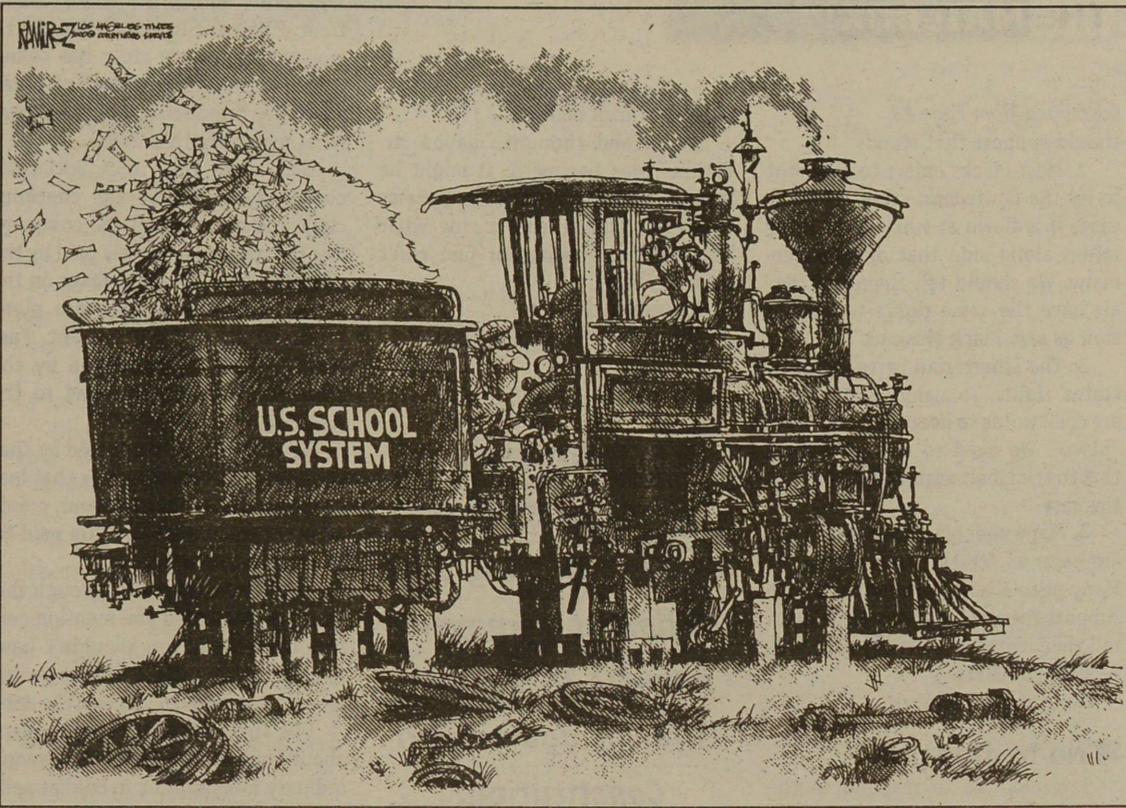
IT APPEARS THAT the Beltway snipers have been caught.

However, the perennial problem of crime remains. Americans are still not safe.

keeping dangerous predators off the streets. The problem is that dangerous predators aren't only the ones being snared in the government safety net.

A majority of U.S. prison inmates — approximately 52% of the prison

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■ The wrong response

I have just read the article "Colorado LP is monitored in Denver police spy files" [November 2002]. I find the LP response to be a total cave to the Denver police and to liberalism in general.

When we find things like this we must use every resource at our command to show just how liberalism is approaching Naziism.

How can we allow our government (the police is part of the government) to spread this kind of slander? Yet our response was to laugh.

The problem is, there are now several million Democrats and Republicans who believe that Libertarians are a militia group and need to be watched by local authorities. How are the Libertarians ever going to become a viable political force in this country if we allow the entrenched politicians and bureaucrats to constantly write us off as some extremist group that "we're watching."

This response by the Colorado LP did not help the cause of Libertarians. Believe me, Barney Fife is not running the shop and the sly Democrats and Republicans who are, just put some major hurt on the Libertarian Party.

Why? Because several million will hear the story from the police side while a few thousand will hear the story from the LP side.

— **HAL E. LONGMAN**
Manitou Beach, Michigan

■ A Federal fan

The brilliance of its simplicity; the directness of its meaning! The idea of changing the name of our party from Libertarian to Federal is sheer

genius. [The MailBox, November 2002.]

Anyway, I have trouble spelling Libertarian.

— **FRED BLUESTONE**
Pembroke Pines, Florida

**WE NEED MORE
election victories
— at any policy-
enacting level —
to spur membership
and attract more
serious candidates.**

■ Our main business

I agree with Richard Winger that "high-profile" federal races are a good vehicle to promote libertarian ideas [The MailBox, November 2002]. However, I totally disagree with his conclusion that "the main business of the party is spreading ideas."

Spreading ideas is the mission of think tanks and advocacy groups. Cato, FEE, the Independent Institute and other libertarian entities have made great inroads in spreading our ideas.

The primary goal of a political party is winning office and implementing public policy. Of all the libertarian organizations, only the Libertarian Party has that ability.

Republicans will never do more

than graft a few visible parts of our ideas into their 800-page legislative monstrosities. The end result is often a misnamed failure, like so-called "energy deregulation" in California, or the unelected authoritarians of the WTO distorting "free trade." Only real Libertarians will ever implement real libertarian ideas.

As a national political party, we must contest races at all levels of government. But any successful political party allocates the majority of its finances and labor to winnable races. Voters are not impressed by the number of losing candidates we ran. Our most powerful refutation of the "wasted vote" question is a candidate who can respond, "I've already been elected."

We need more election victories — at any policy-enacting level — to spur membership and attract more serious candidates.

If winning elections isn't our "main business," we won't be in business much longer.

— **BRIAN GOMEZ**
Cleveland, Ohio

■ The black view

In the October 2002 *LP News*, David Center gave some reasons why few black Americans are Libertarian, or why few are at Libertarian functions. I would like to add a few more:

1. The Libertarian Party opposes the 1964 civil rights bill that outlaws discrimination in the work place. Many blacks feel that without that, they wouldn't have made what little progress that they did. We need to address that matter and tell blacks (and people of all races) why they

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The drop-out diagnosis

Asking Libertarians why the party's membership is falling is like asking your spouse or significant other: "Tell me everything you don't like about me." The great danger, of course, is that they will.

So it was with this month's unscientific Pulse question. *LP News* readers explained exactly what the Libertarian Party was doing wrong, and why membership was dropping.

The only problem: The folks diagnosing the problem disagree vehemently with each other.

Take the most popular answer (with 22.6% of the vote): The LP is focusing on the wrong issues. Fair enough. What do we need to do differently? Focus less on the drug war, says one. No, focus less on economic issues and more on the drug war, says another. No, focus more on government waste, says a third.

It didn't get any better as the other responses piled up. In second place (each with about 9.6% of the vote) were:

- The party is too extreme or too "fringe." (Meanwhile, another 6.5% said the party compromises its principles too much.)
- The party's response to 9/11 was too anti-American.
- The party needs to use different or better outreach methods. (Although everyone had a different suggestion for that better method.)
- The party needs different or better political strategies. (Although every respondent... well, you know where this is going.)
- Other responses ranged from "the economy is bad" to "the LP sends too many fundraising letters."

Why is membership dropping? Here are the theories:

■ Our actions, as chronicled in *LP News*, are often coming in broken pieces: A stadium is opposed here. A non-smoking ordinance opposed there. A marijuana crackdown fought elsewhere. We make very little noise as one cohesive group — so we go largely unnoticed. Our expressed concerns [lack an] all-encompassing national issue.

— **D.M. FOWLE**, Pom. Beach, Florida

■ 1) Positions are too extreme. 2) The party needs to be practical: Money and time should be spent on winnable local elections only. 3) We need to have our priorities straight by focusing on things that the majority of Americans are currently concerned about.

— **ADAM MORRIS**, Glendale, Arizona

■ The party is trying too hard to be "affable" — constantly changing its platform to conform to mainstream sensibilities, perhaps out of fear of being too extreme. The party is compromising its principles in this process. If the LP is labeled extreme, so what? The party is supposed to be the "Party of Principle."

— **MIKE LYGA**, Landing, New Jersey

■ The entire platform should concentrate on the "waste" — the waste of our civil liberties and the gargantuan waste of our tax dollars. We need to direct our message to the blue-collar class and not the egghead intellectuals that control the party.

— **BOB DELAET**, Edison, New Jersey

■ The reason that membership is falling is the stance many party members are taking on the terrorist conflict. I know I was upset when certain members came out blaming the U.S. for the [9/11 attacks], and people who are not as staunch Libertarians as I am will leave the party. We stand for defending this country; the country was attacked on our soil, and we should then defend it.

— **JAMES ABSHIER**, Austin, Texas

■ The Libertarian Party is beginning to look like a one-trick pony. Opposition to the War on Drugs is not the only thing that Libertarians stand for. [Former Executive Director Steve] Dasbach's incessant attacks on that front made Libertarians look like activist radicals. I don't want to be part of an activist radical organization. I want to be part of an organization that wisely and patiently advocates all constitutional causes.

— **WALT NICHOLAS**, Orem, Utah

■ The LP sends too many fundraising letters to its members. The LP starts expensive ballot drives, runs out of money, asks its members for more money, doesn't get enough votes to stay on the ballot, then repeats the same cycle. The LP needs to change its strategy and focus on winnable races.

— **RICHARD DUBAY**, Meriden, Connecticut

■ We're not focusing on the right issues. I'm not concerned with economic issues; I have yet to permanently join the work force. Neither am I particularly taken with abolishing minimum wage since

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that's how I survive. I'm not saying the free-market approach isn't best, only that I don't care (yet). If you want my support, the format is: Civil liberties! Anti-drug war! Non-intervention!

— **ARTHUR T HAYNES**, Haddonfield, New Jersey

■ I want Libertarians to focus on exposing how corrupt the federal government is. I want to see fraud and waste exposed. I don't want to constantly see all our money and efforts plowed into the anti-War on Drugs. Target big spenders, not the anti-drug congressmen.

— **MIKE COUGEVAN**, Lafayette, Louisiana

■ We live in an age when people are inundated with spam, junk mail, and telemarketing calls. One factor discouraging people from joining the LP may be fear of adding to the heap. We should offer prospects the option of joining the party with an ironclad guarantee that we will never rent out their name — even to party candidates.

— **JIM KLANN**, Glendale Heights, Illinois

■ It is clear that the LP is not a "serious" political party. By serious, I mean serious about getting elected. The doctrinaire attitude of many LP members ensures that it will always be a fringe party.

— **MITCHELL J. MCCONNELL**, Brookline, New Hampshire

■ As an auto industry worker who's barely holding onto a reduced-wage job, the answer is simple to me: lack of money! In a depressed economy, people cut back on things they feel they can do without.

— **ARPAD R. MIKLOS**, Warren, Michigan

■ We simply need to promote more efficiently the Libertarian ideas, especially to those libertarians (small "l") in the major parties.

— **BRETT W. PORTER**, Lexington, Ohio

Feb. Question: Biotechnology?

Although Libertarian Clyde Cleveland didn't get elected governor of Iowa, he made history another way: He was apparently the first LP candidate to make opposition to bioengineered food a central part of his campaign. Arguing that the technique (which uses genetic manipulation and gene-swapping to increase the yield and disease-curing potential of crops) is dangerous, Cleveland's website describes bioengineering as "the most important environmental or health issue this planet has ever confronted." It also states, "We are talking about the survival of our species" — and quotes Dr. Michael Hansen and Ellen Hickey who say bioengineering may lead to "potentially catastrophic results." On the other hand, Dr. Jay Lehr of the Heartland Institute argues that bioengineered food could feed millions of starving people, and has enormous "economic, nutritional, and disease-fighting benefits." It is only opposed, he argues, by "environmental extremists" who "ignore the science." *Who's right?*

■ **QUESTION: Should the Libertarian Party make opposition to bioengineered food part of the LP Platform? Why or why not? (Please keep answers to 100 words or less.)**

■ **DEADLINE: January 8, 2003**

Jan. Question: Fighting the War?

According to President George W. Bush, the U.S. "must" launch a preemptive attack on Iraq to protect our nation against Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. While it's impossible to predict how such a war might play out, it's easy to imagine the worst-case scenario: Thousands of American soldiers killed. Tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians slaughtered. Hussein, with nothing to lose, launching chemical or biological weapons. An ongoing "nation-building" mission in a defeated Iraq. More suicide terrorist attacks on America. And, the U.S. tagged with a reputation as an "arrogant" out-of-control superpower. Arguably, Libertarians have an obligation to try to avert this potential tragedy. But what *can* we do? Should the party be content to issue statements opposing the war? Should the LP organize a lobbying effort aimed at Congress? Should we engage in civil disobedience of some kind? Join the anti-war Left in street protests? *What?*

■ **QUESTION: What should the Libertarian Party do to show opposition to — or try to stop — the planned war in Iraq? Or, should we support the war as a legitimate defensive action? (Please keep answers to 100 words or less.)**

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should support that stand.

2. Most blacks object to the right to fly the Confederate flag. In many cases it is flown at white supremacy rallies along side that of Nazi Germany. We should tell them that Nazis have the same rights to expression as say, Black Muslims.

3. The Libertarian Party supports states' rights. To many blacks, these are code words to keep blacks in their "place". We need to convince them that in the Libertarian Party, this isn't the case.

4. Many poor black neighborhoods are seen as "crack" neighborhoods. Many people in these neighborhoods support the war on drugs. We need to tell them why they should oppose it.

— **KEN MITCHELL**
 Newburgh, New York

■ No to drug poll

I would like to respond to the challenge by Mr. Perkins on whether or not the LP should do a poll on legalization of drugs [The MailBox, November 2002]. I don't think he understands that the legalization of drugs is not just a plank issue.

The Demublicans/Republicrats come up with ideas to put on their planks to draw people in, and it is just a marketing ploy which they choose to discard more often than not.

The drug issue with the Libertarian Party is a fundamental necessity in order to stand for the Constitution and freedom.

For people to enjoy the fruits of their labor, or to bear the responsibility for their own actions, the nation was intended to be free by our forefathers. This includes freedom to destroy oneself with drugs if a person chooses.

Please do not think that simply because a person believes in ending the War on Drugs that they believe in using the drugs. That is simply not so. So many of our rights have been compromised and damaged by this War on Drugs that this alone should be sufficient proof that it should be ended.

If the Libertarian Party starts compromising on fundamental issues like this one, or second amendment rights, or free speech rights, then the party ceases to exist and we become no better than the other party.

— **JAMES ABSHIER**
 Austin, Texas

■ No clue?

What exactly would be the point of our leadership polling members to see if they are for or against drug legalization? George T. Perkins has proposed this absurd idea for the second time. What's the point?

Why not poll to see who is for or against rational drug policy? Why not poll to see who is for or against wasting \$50 billion of taxpayers' money each year? Why not poll to see who is for or against our Constitution? Why not poll to see who is for or against severely punishing people for the "crime" of claiming sovereignty

over their own bodies?

On second thought, maybe Mr. Perkins' idea has merit. It might be interesting to know how many members either don't have a clue what libertarianism means or just can't think straight.

— **CARMEN YARRUSSO**
 Brookline, New Hampshire

WHY NOT POLL TO see who is for or against wasting \$50 billion of taxpayers' money? To see who is for or against our Constitution?

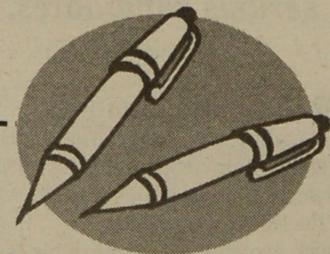
■ Liberty for liberals

There's an effective way to sell liberty to liberals/leftists. Talk about how liberty helps the poor.

A very simple but dramatic way to emphasize our concern for the poor while making the case for lower taxes and less government is to say, "When a poor person goes to the grocery store and buys a loaf of bread, she pays 31% of the price of that loaf of bread in taxes." This factoid, which comes from our new brochure, "A New Vision for America," is shocking to people who genuinely want to help the poor, but don't know how to do it.

It also demonstrates our concern for the poor. You won't get nearly the same reaction if you said "When a rich person goes to the store..." Then the reaction would be "So what?" Using the bread example is preferred, because bread is a basic necessity and a common item that everybody can relate to. My choice of pronouns, "she," was also deliberate; poor men don't elicit nearly the compassionate reaction that women do.

It then opens up the door to talk-



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ing about where that 31% comes from. Point out to them that all the money the grocery store has comes from the sale of that loaf of bread and other products. Then tell them what makes up that 31%.

Talk about the 7.65% Social Security taxes paid by the checkout clerk and matched by the company. Mention the income taxes paid by the rich executive. Property taxes on the store. Expensive health care plans mandated by the government. Fuel taxes on the gasoline used by the truck that brings the bread to the store.

All of these taxes are paid by that poor person when she buys that loaf of bread. To emphasize your point, after every example say "are paid by that poor person."

Only after you've run through this explanation should you mention cutting taxes. And you shouldn't have to bring the subject up. Most people are smart enough to connect the dots.

One thing I'm beginning to learn about politics. The perception among ordinary folks appears to be that politics should be about treating people fairly and helping the other guy. Too often we couch our debate in language that implies it's about helping "me" and not someone else.

Talking about how liberty helps the poor demonstrates our compassion and helps us sell our message of lower taxes and less government.

— **DAVID AITKEN**
 Denver, Colorado

■ Explaining Iraq

Steve Dasbach asks why President Bush wants to start a war with Iraq [The Issues, November 2002]. There are two reasons.

The lesser one is oil. Bush and many members of the Administration have ties to the oil companies. There is lots of oil under Iraq. He wants it. Probably for free. Notice that he is not salivating over war with Korea. (At least not yet.) They do not have oil.

The greater reason is power. The power of Empire. Bush is the most politically powerful person on the planet, much to the detriment of us little people, but I guess that just isn't enough for him. He, his pappy and his grand-pappy have all been advocates of the New World Order since before any of us were born. Look at NAFTA, GATT, WTO, etc., taxed and managed trade rather than actual free trade.

This is what the war is about. He knows as well as we do that thousands of innocent civilians will die in this war. He also knows that the war will escalate, killing perhaps millions more, possibly Americans right here due to terrorist attacks in retaliation.

The president also knows that his Department of Homeland Security will
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possibly finish off what little freedom we have left, especially for those of us who protest or have been members of anti-establishment organizations.

And, he also understands that the major recession that is bound to occur as a result of his Keynesian/drunken-sailor inflationary spending policy will make the ignorant majority eager to turn to the government to tell them what to do.

This is what the war is about. That, coupled with Homeland Security, will give President Bush exactly what he wants.

It is up to us Libertarians, who can see through it all, to do everything possible to stop this juggernaut.

— ALICE LILLIE
Las Vegas, Nevada

■ Questionable calendar

The "Ladies of Liberty" calendar's value is highly questionable [*LP News*, November 2003].

It may raise some needed funds, but we may lose potential voters and members. There are people who will look upon us as libertines, not libertarians.

What's next? A calendar depicting "Gentlemen of Liberty" dressed in leopard jockey shorts, looking like Tarzan? Perish the thought!

— FRANK ORLAND
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

■ Close the borders

As a longtime top-of-the-triangle Libertarian, I still find the open borders policy defective and challenge the standard socialist/libertarian position.

I am positive that the public portion of the United States is rightfully owned by each one of us, and that an open borders policy steals the equity we and our parents have amassed and gives it to others.

An immigrant crosses the border and is immediately protected by the most expensive military in the world, drives on the most expensive road system in the world, is protected, like it or not, by the most expensive police protection in the world, fire protection, EPA, education, postal services, etc. To give citizen assets away via open borders is like Disneyland not charging admission.

Our official immigration policy should be to allow admission to those who pay for the infrastructure and services they will use. Open borders without payment is a redistributionist notion that should be thrown from the libertarian choo-choo train immediately.

— DAVID SCHAFFNER
Lockport, Illinois

■ An embarrassment

I note the criticism one reader expressed regarding the selection of front page stories for *LP News*.

A classic example of selecting nonsense for front-page coverage appears in the October issue, namely, the lawsuit filed by John Gilmore because he was asked to show identification before being allowed to board an airline flight and was denied the right to travel anonymously.

Well, his position and his lawsuit are absurd — and an embarrassment to the LP.

If Gilmore wants me to sell him a bottle of booze, I will ask him to produce some ID to prove he is old enough to do so. If he wants me to cash his check, I will ask him to show me some ID so I can compare the signature and the face. If he wants to fly on my airplane, I will ask him to prove he is who he says he is.

If he wants to travel anonymously, he can take a hike.

— JOSEPH W. JOHNSON, JR.
Lincoln, Nebraska

■ Regrettable stories

What a regrettable choice of articles for October's first page. Sure they had a good side — but a much worse ignorant side.

Bob Barr was one of Clinton's enemies in the impeachment proceedings. Some strategy, celebrating the defeat of a Clinton hater.

As for the airport secrecy rule — yes, government shouldn't be imposing rules whose origins are unknown. But too much was made of opposing identification of airplane boarders.

— D.M. FOWLE
Pom. Beach, Florida

■ Right to travel

I just read the article regarding Libertarian John Gilmore's lawsuit over our "right" to anonymous travel. I couldn't sense from the article whether his position has Libertarian Party support.

I am a great believer in the rights of privacy and individual liberties also, but my perspective is this:

I believe it is irrelevant whether furnishing identification is a government or airline requirement.

I am an owner of rental property. As a landlord, I am not about to rent
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opinion polls show many Americans support.

■ **Repeal gun control laws.** The idea that only law-abiding citizens obey laws seems to be lost on many politicians. Unfortunately, it's not lost on violent criminals.

Gary Kleck, a criminologist at Florida State University, has estimated that gun owners defensively use guns to thwart potential crimes over 2 million times per year. On the other hand, criminals committed about 40,000 gun crimes in 2001, according to Bureau of Justice statistics.

Criminals are going to get guns regardless of legal impediments, whether they have to steal them or buy them illegally. By making it less difficult for ordinary citizens to defend themselves (and their families), the playing field would be more level — and criminal activity would be deterred.

On the state level, politicians could pass concealed-carry laws similar to the one in Vermont, which directs local governments to issue concealed-carry gun permits to almost any adult applicant. The law has helped make Vermont the 49th state in violent crime rate in the nation — behind only North Dakota.

■ **End asset forfeiture.** Asset forfeiture allows a police agency to seize property if it believes that property was used in connection with a crime.

In 1992, the FBI projected that the value of its property seizures would increase by 25% each year over the succeeding three years. This suggests that property seizures were a goal — rather than the unfortunate byproduct of taking control of criminal property.

"The large monetary value of forfeitures... has created a great temptation for state and local police departments to target assets rather than criminal activity," noted Patrick Murphy, former New York City police commissioner.

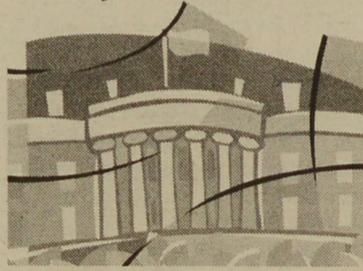
How bad is the problem?

According to Jarret B. Wollstein at the International Society for Individual Liberty: "The *Washington Post* has reported that the U.S. Marshals Service alone had an inventory of over \$1.4 billion in seized assets, including over 30,000 cars, boats, homes, and businesses."

In order to keep police focused more on catching criminals than on collecting property, the practice of asset forfeiture should be ended.

■ **Keep the feds out.** The U.S. Constitution gives the federal government authority over just three crimes: Treason, piracy, and counterfeiting. There is no authority for the federal government to be involved in prosecuting rape, robbery, murder, or any other common crime.

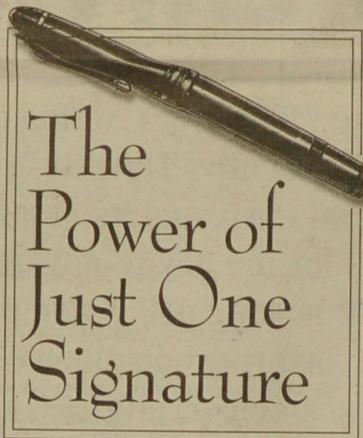
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alism has been blurred in recent years, and now many crimes on the state level are duplicated on the federal level as well.

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it has also led to the militarization of police forces. The well-publicized Waco disaster in 1993 is one outgrowth of such a militarization.

Former Attorney General Edwin Meese stated that "federal law-enforcement authorities are not as attuned to the priorities and customs of local communities as state and local law enforcement."

It's about time U.S. politicians realize that — and excuse themselves from common crime-fighting responsibilities.

Root factors of crime

In addition to such legal reforms, a Libertarian society would also address root factors of crime by ending the perpetual dependency on government welfare, eliminating government schools that don't teach effectively, and scrapping government policies that stifle economic growth and job-creation.

The fact is, no crime-control program can ever completely eliminate the rage, wickedness, and greed that leads to crime. However, a program that focuses on real crime, an empowered citizenry, and local law enforcement would make acts of fraud and violence more rare.

And that would mean that Americans could focus on their families, jobs, and their favorite football team — rather than worrying about robbers, rapists, and sick serial snipers who prey on the innocent.

THE MAILBOX

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my place to anyone who declines to identify himself.

The airlines' situation is much the same.

They are in the business of short-term rental of small apartments on valuable pieces of mobile residences where the close proximity of the hundreds of neighbors requires that they be at least reasonably compatible.

They have an obligation to their investors and their customers to ensure in every way possible that all passengers have travel as their reason to be aboard their aircraft. Requiring identification is just one of the many tools by which they can accomplish this.

Also, just consider the consequences and criticism in the event of a crash where an airline was unable to identify hundreds of victims.

I think John Gilmore is carrying some of our ideals a step too far, and I would be more comfortable if the party took such a position also.

We really don't need to give the public excuses to believe we are irrational extremists. I don't think Mr. Gilmore's lawsuit is going to garner us any votes.

— **BILL CHELLEW**
Superior, Wisconsin

Libertarian judges

George Squyers in "You've won your election! So what do you do next?" [The Forum, September 2002] makes the point that a Libertarian judge must uphold the law, even though it is contrary to our Libertarian concepts.

I would like to remind Mr. Squyers that there is an obligation not to obey immoral laws. This principle of law was clearly expressed at the trials of Nuremberg. Individuals were jailed for obeying immoral laws.

Our nation was founded on the principle that tyrannical laws were not to be obeyed. The Boston Tea Party was an illegal act; the law was immoral and the only proper response was to disobey that unjust law.

Finally a judge is known as a "justice." For a judge to uphold an unjust law is a mockery of the entire justice system.

Unfortunately, judges today do not dispense justice, they interpret unjust laws. And then they wonder why the populace holds them in such disgust and they need guards and metal detectors at the doors of the courts.

Dispense true justice and there will be no need for guards and metal detectors at the doors of our courts.

— **ANGELO VENTRESCA, JR.**
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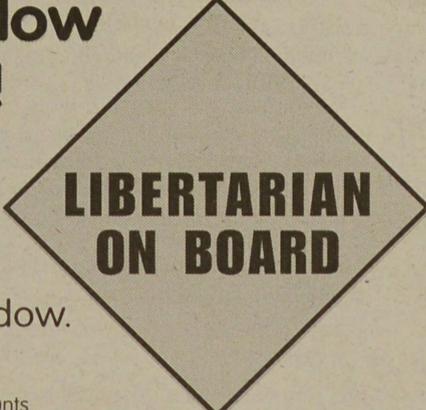
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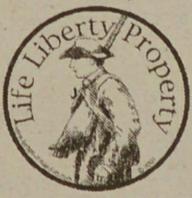
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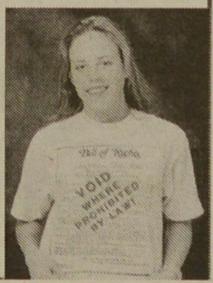
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