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**NEWS**

## Tom Tryon: His Principles Serve Him Well

**T**om Tryon wants to be the next California state controller. He knows that his chances of winning are slim, but then few believed he had much chance of being elected to the Calaveras County Commission when he first ran in 1984. Calaveras County has over 18,000 registered voters and only 84 are registered Libertarians. But Tryon was not only elected in 1984, and re-elected easily in 1988, but for the last three years he has also been chosen as the County Commission chairman. So maybe state controller isn't out of the question.

But Tryon doesn't need to win this election to be satisfied. "If I can do better than 5 percent of the vote I'll be very happy," Tryon said.

The reason for this admittedly lesser goal is that the Libertarian Party needs at least 2 percent of the vote in one of the statewide California races to retain ballot status. Retaining California ballot status is clearly one of the most important aspects of the 1990 election for the Libertarian Party.

Tryon also hopes to recruit more Libertarians and get more people thinking about libertarian solutions to some of the tough problems facing California and the U.S.

His consistent libertarian stand—opposing a resolution outlawing flag burning, voting against an anti-drug task force, opposing the ban of abortions (although Tryon is Catholic), and persistently fighting tax increases—has caused some problems for him in his position as county commissioner.

But as Tryon recently said in an interview with *The Sacramento Bee*: "I ran on a platform of liberty—economic liberty and civil liberty. They knew what my platform stood for when they elected me. But then they attack me for living up to my platform. What am I supposed to do, sell out my group? Am I supposed to reject my platform and adopt theirs? I am not a majoritarian. As Jefferson said, inalien-



*California state controller*

able rights aren't subject to majority rule."

Clearly Tryon hasn't found it necessary to compromise his libertarian beliefs for the sake of his elected position. In describing his uncompromising stance, one of his constituents was quoted as saying: "Tom Tryon wouldn't back off from a buzz saw."

Tryon has an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley, and a graduate degree in business from the University of Chicago. So he is not your ordinary 45-year-old rancher from Angels Camp. His family has been living in Calaveras County since 1848, when Tryon's great-grandfather arrived in search of gold.

Tryon worked as a Wall Street stockbroker, an administrator with the Farm Credit System, and a bank vice president prior to returning home to Calaveras County and the family ranch.

Tryon feels he is very qualified for the position of state controller. According to Tryon, "The state controller is not only the chief fiscal officer of the state of California, he also serves on 52 boards and commissions including chairman of the Franchise



The Tryon family consists of, clockwise from left: Elizabeth, Denise, family matriarch-Lucy, Tom, Walter, and Kate.

Tax Board, member of the Board of Equalization, member of the Commission on State Finance, and others."

Tryon said, if elected, he would "represent and articulate a libertarian perspective and endorse policies reflective of the rugged individualism of the California

citizenry and founded on the principles of individual liberty and self responsibility.

Tryon and his wife, Denise, have three children: Elizabeth, 9; Kate, 5; and Walter, 3.

*Tryon for State Controller, P.O. Box 1328, Angels Camp, CA 95222.*

## Victory in Indiana — Write-in Law Overturned

"We took on the state and beat them." That's how Libertarian Steve Dillon described the recent court decision which will allow Indiana voters to write in their choice of candidates beginning with the November general election.

U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker ruled that the State Election Commission must allow write-in votes from people choosing not to vote for official candidates. The ruling overturns a 1986 state law prohibiting write-in votes.

The lawsuit was brought by Dillon and other Libertarian Party members "in the summer of 1988 so people could vote for Dr. Paul, Andre Marrou, myself, and others," Dillon explained.

"Keeping people off the ballot isn't consistent with our tradition of freedom of choice and opportunity," said Dillon, who

was the LP's candidate for U.S. Senate when he filed the suit two years ago.

According to the ruling, the law denied voters their First Amendment rights to free speech.

Members of the state attorney's office said the law blocked "frivolous candidates" with no serious support. According to Dillon, the state argued that if write-ins were allowed, the people of Indiana could conceivably elect "Donald Duck" to office.

Judge Barker ruled, however, that the state's "ban on write-in voting is not narrowly tailored to avoid infringing on constitutional rights. To completely prevent citizens from voting for the candidates of their choice because their choices may be imprudent is highly paternalistic. Moreover, this court shares the Supreme Court's faith in the ability of voters to inform

themselves about candidates and campaign issues, and to vote intelligently."

In her conclusion, Judge Barker wrote that the court "holds that Indiana's blanket prohibition on write-in voting violates the first and fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution. The State of Indiana must take the steps necessary to permit, facilitate and tabulate write-in votes for the upcoming general election."

The state election board executive director reportedly supported the judge's decision. He stated that it would give more voters more ways to express their political opinions, thus bringing more people to the polls.

The state, however, is still trying to set aside the ruling and hoping they will not have to implement it by this fall's election. Judge Barker, however, wrote (and in fact

“ According to the ruling, the law denied voters their First Amendment rights to free speech. ”

underlined) in the judgment that "there is no just reason for delay" in implementing the decision.

Dillon said he expects the Indiana Libertarian Party will field at least one candidate in the November election.

To achieve ballot access, Indiana law requires minority parties to gather signatures equal to 2 percent of the total votes cast for the office of secretary of state in the last election.

# Opinion Polls: Asking the Right Questions

Don't public opinion polls make you angry?

Once again, a poll is announced that purports to show the American people firmly in favor of more government activity. This time, it's that 66 percent favor U.S. military intervention against Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait. Other polls show large majorities favor "more federal help for family farmers," "more government aid for the homeless," and launching an "all-out war on drugs." One wonders that anyone ever protests against taxes what with all the "help" and "aid" they are willing to ladle out when confronted by pollsters.

Undoubtedly, some of this is because the respondent genuinely believes a particular problem is worth attacking and that government is capable of solving it. Thus charitable impulses reign and, besides, the bill isn't being presented on the spot. Some others just lie because they feel guilty about their selfishness when "all the people who matter" tell them they should be serving the less fortunate.

The questions are, certainly, phrased to elicit a response that guarantees a majority in favor of more taxes, and more government intervention. Like many of you, I've dreamed about how the questions



## From the Chair

Dave Walter, LP National Chair

would be phrased if a libertarian was in charge of the polling operation:

- "Are you (or your son or daughter) willing to lead the first wave when the U.S. picks a fight with Iraq? If yes, step over here and speak to MSgt. Slaughter."
- "Are you ready to deny your daughter her orthodontia work so that the money can be used to rehabilitate government housing for the people who trashed it in the first place?"
- "Will you pay an additional \$50 per year for gasoline so urban commuters can continue to sponsor inefficient government transit systems? Before replying, remember that these commuters absolutely refuse to foot the full cost of their systems through the farebox."
- "Is it worth it to you to increase

crime and violence in your neighborhood just to stop a few self-indulgent yuppies from using cocaine?"

- "Will you forego next year's hard earned vacation so the people of Alabama don't have to pay for the bridges they use every day, so the people of Iowa can produce more corn than anyone is willing to buy, and so the people who choose to live in Alaska can have a letter delivered to New York at the same price as one to Fairbanks?"
- "Would you rather give a bigger contribution to your religious organization or have Congress take your money and give it to some bozo so he can urinate on a representation of Christ and call it art?"

Presented this way, far more respondents are likely to say, "let wars be fought by those prepared to die for the cause," "let those who create problems for themselves look first to their own resources," and "I'm tired of greedy s.o.b.s who expect me to pay for their lifestyles."

Well, it is unlikely libertarians are going to be writing the poll questions anytime soon. But that doesn't mean we are powerless to spread our interpretation of the consequences of government intervention

in our lives. Sometimes we act like we are, but we aren't. It only takes a few courageous voices crying out "the emperor has no clothes" to wake up the crowd. It only takes a few letters to the editor to present the libertarian viewpoint on all the issues of the day. It only takes a call or two to the local radio talk show host to inform hundreds and thousands that government is intellectually, morally, and fiscally bankrupt. In many cases, it only takes a few hundred signatures or less to stand on the ballot as a Libertarian candidate whose words will be heard in a campaign. Maybe the coverage is only one-twentieth of what the others get, but the words are a beacon through the muddled rhetorical fog.

I know many, if not most, people have tuned out what passes for political issues debate in our system, but a candle burning in the darkness or an oasis in the desert will eventually attract a crowd.

Why do we stifle ourselves every time another government apologist parades by naked? Yes, there are huge numbers of them, but if we can call attention to a few, maybe some more will be too embarrassed to appear in public. We have the facts (book shelves groaning, magazines tables overflowing) but we have to make more use of our voice.

## Ballot Access Committee Update

Here's an update from the Libertarian Party Ballot Access Committee (LPBAC). Overall, things are looking much better than at this point before the 1988 election. Our goal is to do as much petitioning as soon as possible so that our resources can be used in 1992 for campaigning.

- Kansas: Approximately 16,000 valid signatures are needed this summer to achieve LP ballot status in 1992. The goal is 25,000 gross signatures. John Foster of Wichita is heading the effort, and he reports about 12,500 signatures collected as of July 26.

- Wisconsin: Attorney general candidate is on the ballot in November 1990. Good shot at 1 percent of the vote. If so, automatic LP ballot status in 1992.

- New York: LPBAC contributes \$1,500



## From the BAC

Bill Redpath, Ballot Access Committee

to monumental volunteer effort to get slate of four candidates on the November 1990 ballot. If Gary Johnson, LP gubernatorial candidate, gets 50,000 votes, automatic LP ballot status in 1992.

- North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Alabama: Can petition in these states now for 1992 LP ballot status. Plan to start as soon as possible.

- Wyoming: Can start petitioning for

1992 on May 1, 1991.

- Several other states: Can start petitioning immediately after the 1991 LP convention.

The LPBAC wants to first help those who help themselves. Please volunteer for petitioning in your state when duty calls. Each volunteer signature saves the LPBAC money.

LPBAC fund raising is about to be stepped up, but please beat us to the punch by sending us a generous check as soon as possible so we can get petitioners into the North Central states soon. We're on track for 50 states plus DC in 1992. Let's keep it that way. Make sure your check is made out to the "LPBAC." Just send it to LPBAC, c/o LPHQ, 1528 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003.

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# Atkinson Active Again in Vermont

David Atkinson, a tree surgeon (climber) from Randolph, is the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor of Vermont.

Atkinson has run for office in the past. In 1988, he was the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the Orange South district. In that race he received 13 percent of the vote in a five-person (two incumbents) contest.

In this election, Atkinson faces a Democratic lawyer and a Republican former businessman.

Atkinson plans to spend \$5,000 in his campaign. "I feel the media in Vermont is fair and the media will inform the public when my views are different from the older party candidates," Atkinson said.

Atkinson has a group of non-paid advisers who will produce white papers on subjects important to personal responsibilities, such as funding of education, property rights, personal choice in the wearing

## LP Candidate Stages Student Sit-in at UW

Doug Witt, Libertarian candidate for the state senate and a senior at the University of Washington (UW), recently staged a one-person sit-in at the office of the chairwoman of the Botany Department, Melinda Denton. Witt was angry about dirty lab equipment, inadequate instructor attention, and a "lack of organization" in his botany class. In a letter to UW officials he demanded a refund of his tuition for the course, or \$300.

"We're not operating on 'their' rules anymore," Witt was reported by the *UW Daily* to have said. "We're operating on my rules, and I say I want my money back now. I would have taken the normal channels, but it doesn't usually work that way. You don't really get any action until you do something really strange."

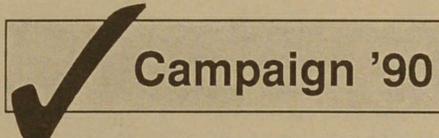
Witt apparently claimed that \$25,000 in student and taxpayer money was paid for the class of 27 students. "I think the basic problem is that it's funded by taxes and not by customers. What you see around you here (the laboratory) is what you get when you're on a free ride . . . It's not a question about me being happy or not here, it's a question about me being defrauded out of my money," Witt told a *Daily* reporter. Witt apparently also believes that taxpayers are also being defrauded.

University officials attempted to persuade Witt to use normal complaint channels, without success. When Witt refused to leave Denton's office, campus police were called. When they arrived, Witt offered no resistance, and was escorted out. At press time, Witt had not been repaid, and no charges had been filed.

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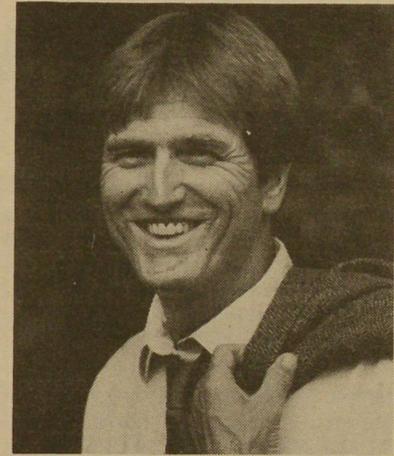
of seat belts and helmets, and other issues.

Atkinson said he is in the governor's race to win. "It is up to the voters to listen to the candidates' positions on the issues and then vote for the candidate that most closely matches their personal views. An

election is not a horse race. If the voter tries to pick a winner, the voter throws their vote away," Atkinson explained.

Atkinson's platform includes calling for citizen referendums, a limit for elected officials to two consecutive terms in office, tuition tax credits, a binding referendum on March 4, 1991, on secession from the Union, and offering voters a choice of "None of the Above" on their ballots, among other issues.

David Atkinson for Vermont Governor,  
16 Merchants Row, Randolph, VT 05060.



David Atkinson

## Giving 'em L in Nevada

First, the bad news: the six winnable State Assembly races that we told you about last month have been cut to three.

In past years, once we'd won ballot access, the state generally ignored our candidates. (Suppose they were hoping we'd go away?) This year, they've taken dead aim at us. Since belatedly discovering the "Libertarian Loophole" (which let LP candidates file two months after the Republicrats' deadline), state officials have found a new hobby. They've been working overtime, searching for legal technicalities that they can use to disqualify Libertarian candidates.

Of course, this is really good news. After all, it could mean that those in power have finally begun seeing us as a threat, instead of a nuisance. And as voter dissatisfaction with incumbents keeps growing, it's not just the State that's taking a new look at the LP. Political columnist Andrew Barbano recently had this to say of our plans:

*"(The LPN) ...will target three Republican State Assembly incumbents who face no Democratic opponents. The L's will go after Bob Kerns of Reno, Gaylyn Spriggs of Hawthorne, and John Marvel of Battle Mountain. Libertarian challengers are, respectively, Joe Leising of Reno, Sandy Harmon of Tonopah, and Bill Oswald of Winnemucca. State Chair Dan Becan intends to make common cause with Democrats and organized labor to try to win Nevada's first Libertarian seat. Kerns used to get labor support, but it has weakened..."*

*"Cowboy Marvel is home on the range with big bucks behind him. Best bet is knocking off the lackluster Spriggs in the sprawling Central Nevada District."*

It's good news in another way, too. With ballot status for '92 a virtual certainty (thanks to a two-way race for state controller) the Nevada LP can for the first time in years afford to concentrate on campaigning where we have the best chance of winning races, not just ballot access. And targeting three races instead of six means we'll be able to work twice as hard on each of them.

### But we still need your help to win.

Even in Nevada, it takes real money to run a real campaign. Although percentage-wise we're one of the most Libertarian states (and growing more so!) there still aren't enough of us to compete with our opponents' spending. But because Nevada is small in population, contributions from the rest of the country will have a proportionately large effect.

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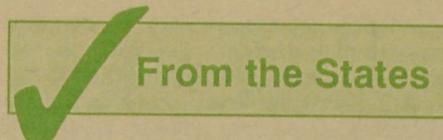
# Members Active Around the States

## California

**Eric Garris** won the Libertarian primary for the 21st Assembly District as a write-in candidate. Garris also won the nomination of the Republican Party for the same seat. This makes Garris the first candidate in California to be nominated by both parties.

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**Region 62** reports that they have had volunteers participating in outreach projects in the streets of Westwood Village,



From the States

Compiled from Libertarian sources

Venice Beach, and other nearby towns nearly every weekend the past two years—in fact 52 events last year.

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In Castro Valley, a shadow budget group

is forming. **Michael McCarthy** is coordinating a group of people interested in looking at the county budget and making recommendations for cuts to it, as well as free market solutions to budget problems.

## Georgia

**Toby Nixon**, candidate for state house, reports he received a great reception when he passed out flyers at a rodeo calling for the legalization of horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in the state.

## Illinois

The outreach efforts continue to keep members busy. Recently members have been active at such diverse happenings as the Dupage County Fair, the Dukane ABATE monthly meeting, and a peace and music festival.

## Kentucky

Party member **Roger S. Schattily**, of Peytonsburg, has started a libertarian lending library through the mail. He is gathering books on libertarian philosophy and individual liberty and loaning them out to interested readers for a small fee to cover postage and handling.

## New Mexico

Libertarians in **San Juan County** continue to have an active program. Their latest projects include a Censorship Resistance Task Force and the cleaning up of a one-mile stretch of roadside in the county's "Adopt-A-Highway" program.

## Ohio

The **Columbus LP's** anti-censorship campaign has continued through the summer. Well over 5,000 flyers have already been distributed, and large display ads have appeared in local publications.

## Texas

**Jeff Daiell**, Libertarian candidate for governor and Houston resident, reports another reason he strongly favors privatization: "I checked my campaign post office box on July 22, having last checked it on the July 19 . . . One of the items in there was a campaign contribution that had been mailed—in Houston—on May 11! Yep, took two and one-third months to get across town."

## Vermont

**Greg Jeffers** was appointed to the City of Burlington's Design Review Board by the city council.

## Washington

**Tom Tanaka**, editor of the state newsletter "Northwest Libertarian," recently offered his readers the following list of his favorite movies with "a healthy libertarian slant": "The Seven Samurai," "El Norte," "The Brother from Another Planet," "Boomtown," and "Inherit the Wind." Tanaka notes that all except "Boomtown" are available on videocassette.

# A Feast of Freedom

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## Hors d'oeuvres

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**Loren Lomasky** suggests a really avant-garde path for grants-accepting artists and performers to follow;

**Jim Robbins** considers the possibility of an Azerbaijani nuclear force, and tries to clarify foreign policy in an age of confusion;

**Robert Higgs** wonders why we should say "yes" to Noriega by lending him millions of dollars;

**Karl Hess** speculates on the ramifications of Marion Barry's ingenious use of "jury nullification";

**R. W. Bradford** studies the Japanese market for imported pork (the political variety);

**Chester Alan Arthur** explains how to tell when George Bush is lying.

## Entrées

The main course is a variety of controversial and thoughtful essays. A few entrées from our current offering:

**Jane Shaw** explains why journalists have abandoned objectivity when reporting on environmental issues;

**John Hospers** recalls his dialogues with the philosophical visionary, Ayn Rand—what he learned from her, how he played the devil's advocate to her pronouncements, and how he was (at last) shunned for "disloyal" criticism;

**Dr Ron Paul** argues that pro-lifers should oppose the banning of RU486, the controversial abortifacient, and argues that libertarians, in turn, should oppose abortion;

**Richard Fulmer** explains how a butterfly flapping its wings over Mont Pelerin can cause a hurricane in Big Water, Utah;

**Jim Bristol** mournfully commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of peacetime con-

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scription to America, relates his first run-in with the U.S. government over whether he—or anyone else—should be enslaved to make war, and reflects on his time in prison;

**Michael Krauss** explains the weird world of Canadian politics and ponders the dissolution of Canada.

## Potages

To accompany its main features, *Liberty* presents a variety of penetrating reviews. A few examples from our current issue:

**Stephen Cox** unravels the peculiar and

puerile philosophy of tenured literary poseurs who are so attached to Marxism that they will go to any lengths—even the denial of objectivity—to defend their status as "radicals";

**Richard Kostelanetz** goes beneath the surface of mainstream AIDS journalism to find the less-than-apocalyptic truth;

**Greg Johnson** and **Ethan Waters** disagree about Tibor Machan's latest exposition of natural-rights libertarianism.

**James Robbins** evaluates Virginia Hamel's more Randian-than-thou attack on Rand's critics.

## Desserts

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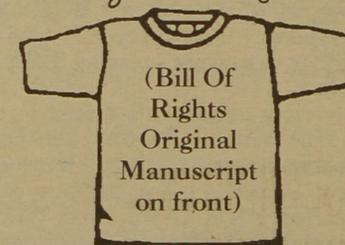
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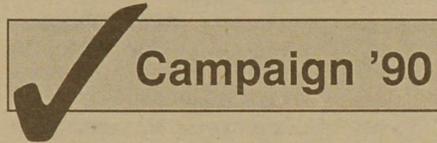
# Daiell Receiving Support from Inside and Outside the Party

Jeff Daiell, candidate for governor of Texas, has been active in politics for a long time.

"I remember when I was 7 years old holding this huge yard sign promoting the campaign of a gubernatorial candidate because my father, a postal worker, was not allowed by law to do so," Daiell recalled. "But it was not until I was in high school and junior college that I began taking a more active interest in politics and joined the Libertarian Party in 1973."

Now Daiell is running for governor himself, and involved in a very active campaign.

Daiell has already appeared at a number of events, including a NORML rally "where one attendee became so enthused, he mailed out copies of the flyer I had printed for the occasion, and asked recipients to copy and mail it in turn," Daiell noted. Daiell also handed out campaign cards at a Houston gun show and reported a friendly response.



Texas governor

Upcoming campaign events include a speech to ARCO employees in Houston, and participation in an area chamber of commerce "whistlestop tour" in October.

Daiell is drawing on a lot of campaign experience, having run for office a number of times in the past. His first attempt at public office was in 1979, when he ran for the Houston City Council. In that race he carried five precincts, got two major endorsements, and totaled about 7.5 percent of the vote.

For this current campaign, Daiell decided that other than a handout, for distribution at events and to mail as a reminder to likely supporters before the election, virtually all funds raised within the Liber-

tarian Party will go to broadcast advertising. Daiell recently announced that Frank Letts, a co-worker who has done professional work in commercials, has volunteered his services to the campaign. Daiell is now in the process of finding a production and buying firm or firms.

Outside the Libertarian Party, at least two fund-raising efforts are under way for Daiell's campaign. Wessie Cramer, of the Network of American Inventors and Entrepreneurs, will soon be issuing a formal endorsement and mailing a fund-raising letter to her group. Ray Hill, a prominent gay activist who has become disgusted with the candidates of "both" tax-subsidized parties, will also be sending out a fund raiser to supporters of gay rights.

Daiell, 38, has a degree in government and works as a technical assistant for a Houston-area electronics firm. He is married and has three children.

*Individuals for Daiell, P.O. Box 66973, #1044, Houston, TX 77006.*

## Volunteers Extraordinaire

Dan Endsley and his son, Andrew, of Perrysburg, OH, stopped by the national headquarters during a recent trip to DC and asked how they could help the Libertarian Party.

A tour of the office, which included a squeeze through a crowded mail room, prompted the Endsleys to offer a corner of their garage as an auxiliary mail room.

Arrangements were made to present bulk mailings to the Perrysburg post office. Materials were shipped to the Endsley residence, and with the help of a neighbor libertarian family, a complicated eight-piece membership card mailing is now being produced and mailed by the Perrysburg libertarians.

The national office produces a new batch of membership cards each week and ships them off to Perrysburg, to be combined with bumper stickers and discount coupons, and mailed to new members.

The Endsleys say the project gives them satisfaction knowing they are making a contribution to liberty, and the HQ staff has a little more room.

## Libertarian Candidates

The following are additions or corrections to the list of candidates which appeared in last month's LP NEWS.

### Connecticut

Al Neves  
Bob Loomis  
Rich Loomis  
Mike Stamper  
Peter McNamara  
James Szostek  
Jason Szostek

State Senate  
State Senate  
State Assembly  
State Assembly  
State Assembly  
State Assembly

### Hawaii

Ken Scholland  
Roger Taylor  
Lloyd Mallan  
Triacka-Don Smith  
Amelia Fritts

U.S. Senate  
U.S. House  
U.S. House  
Governor  
Lt. Governor

### New Jersey

Bill Stewart  
Helen Radder  
Peter Hladik  
Marshall Bienstock

U.S. House  
Manalapan Township Committee  
Middlesex County Freeholder  
Monmouth County Freeholder

### Washington

Doug Witt  
Tom Isenberg  
Richard Shepard  
Jim Horrigan

State Senate  
State House  
State House  
State House

## "The Ballad of the Local LP"

Jeff Daiell, what with his campaigning, work, and family, still finds time to write song parodies with libertarian messages. The following is one he wrote entitled "The Ballad of the Local LP," to be sung to the tune of that classic '60s hit "The Ballad of the Green Berets."

Freedom-lovers, one and all.  
They have answered Freedom's call.  
They strive to set all Americans free:  
The fine folks of your local LP.

Free minds and markets are their goals,  
For it takes both to make Freedom whole.  
They work with pen, cash, energy,  
These fine folks of your local LP.

Women and men who love their rights;  
Who stand against the State's cruel might.  
They live and work for Liberty:  
That's why they've joined their local LP.

At home an LP husband sits.  
His wife's been caught in an IRS blitz.  
She's now in jail in Freedom's cause.  
Her letters to him contain this clause:

Versed in Mises, Hayek, Rand;  
They know the facts behind each stand.  
They burst the myths behind tyranny,  
These fine folks of your local LP.

Teach my son to love his rights;  
To stand against the State's cruel might.  
He'll live and work for Liberty.  
Yes, he'll soon join his local LP.

Liberty requires "a frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned"

Thomas Jefferson (Inaugural Address)

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# Letters to the Editor: Correct, Elect, Connect

## Correction

The August 1990 NEWS, in the "State by State Campaign News" article, says that Jim Berns received 4 percent of the vote in his last race for the state house, and that this was a record for an independent candidate. This is far from the truth. Ohio voters elected an independent candidate to Congress in 1954, Frazier Reims, from Toledo. Also, in 1984 an independent candidate right in Berns' home city of Cincinnati received over 5 percent for Congress.

**Richard Winger**  
San Francisco, CA

## Maybe So

I am glad to see the Libertarian Party finally appears to be interested in alternative voting techniques. The proposal, mentioned in the April 1990 NEWS, by John Corl of the California LP, that permits voters to mark "Yes" or "No" for each candidate sounds surprisingly similar to "Yes", "No", "Maybe So" (YNMS) voting, an alternative voting technique I devised in 1975.

Although I cannot be certain Corl's proposal is identical to YNMS voting, I do know that YNMS is much more flexible than merely permitting a "None of the Above" type vote. YNMS voting eliminates the lesser of two evils dilemma, by allowing voters to distinguish between major party candidates without endorsing them, while supporting any other candidate they choose.

In 1983, I attempted to interest the LP in YNMS voting, but only Marshall Fritz, then executive director of the California LP, and Richard Winger, the LP's ballot access expert, expressed any interest.

While adoption of YNMS in the election of the U.S. president and state governors would increase the Libertarian Party's chances for success, some sort of proportional representation or hybrid voting technique is more appropriate for the election of representatives to a legislature.

Judging from my discussions about YNMS with "people in the streets" over the years, I think this is an issue the public is more than ready for. But will the Libertarian Party lead the way?

**Peter K. Harrell**  
Worcester, MA

## Radio Network

I would like to create a network among libertarian amateur radio operators. Anyone interested please drop a line to: Dick Dickinson-KA5KKT, 1809 Ranier Drive, Lexington, Kentucky, 40505, or call evenings or weekends, eastern time—606-299-5547.

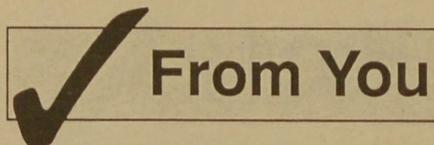
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**Dick Dickinson**  
Lexington, KY

## Dr. Friedman

It is gladdening to see that Dr. Milton Friedman will serve as the featured speaker at the upcoming Libertarian World Conference. His arguments in support of monetarism, reduced government, and the free market are quite persuasive and it seems fitting that Dr. Friedman should join with the modern libertarian movement. Myself, I owe much to Dr. Friedman for my own transition from socialism to capitalism 12 years ago.

In light of the natural affinity between Dr. Friedman and the Libertarian Party, I would like to suggest that the Libertarian Party offer to Dr. Friedman its highest honor—the



Letters from readers

nomination of Dr. Milton Friedman as the Libertarian Party's candidate for President of the United States. By nominating the prominent and respected economist, the stature and exposure of the Libertarian Party could be greatly increased. The nomination would give to Dr. Friedman a forum to address the stifling socialism of the Democrats and the hollow flag waving double talk of the Bushed Republicans. Dr. Friedman could present to the country a serious alternative—the hope and freedom of libertarianism.

**Richard D. Bonesteel, Jr.**  
Seattle, WA

## Aloha

Libertarians are usually not ones for tradition for the sake of tradition. Why is it that every national convention is held over Labor Day weekend? Labor Day weekend is one of the busiest times to travel at the airports and on the roads. People are coming back from their summer vacations, students are leaving for college, and parents are getting their children ready for school. Let us break tradition and have a national convention in the middle of winter in warm and friendly Hawaii. Our non-political spouses and friends would want to go there with us.

**Fred Stein**  
South Brunswick, NJ

## The Flag

I am a combat veteran, and I fly the "Stars and Stripes" on my car and in my home every day, but I certainly did not, nor would I ever fight for "the flag." I fought, and would fight again against any enemy, to preserve those principles of responsible liberty for which, I was taught, the flag stands.

As a libertarian refinement of a democratic constitution, the Bill of Rights is a pinnacle of achievement in applied social philosophy. It is unique in that it is intended not to impose limitations on the citizen, but to guarantee instead that limitations shall not be imposed. For me, the flag is a sacred symbol of that statutory guarantee of the individual freedom of the private citizen.

Those who promote the amendment to prohibit flag burning wish to add to the Constitution not another guarantee of liberty, but a punitive restriction of political expression. That is, they would make of the flag a symbol not of civil freedom, but of enforced display of civil obedience. Their movement is an attempt to rally the unthinkingly obedient around the flag as a symbol of patriotic loyalty, where they lack commitment to an issue that might mobilize an informed and politically active citizenry—a practice sometimes called jingoism. As such, the "Jingo Amendment" is the antithesis of those principles for which the flag stands.

If the freedom for which the flag stands is sacrificed to prevent destruction of that symbol as a statement of political dissent, then is the flag truly desecrated? If the libertarian spirit of the Bill of Rights is not kept alive in the United States of America, then that great document becomes only the hemp linen shroud in which the greatest political experiment in the history of mankind is mummified for the historians—and perhaps the hopeful idealists—of another day. This is our day. Let us not lose it.

**James Nathan Post**  
Las Cruces, NM

## Good NEWS

The LP NEWS has the look of a winner. Your focus on successful actions generates more successful actions. Isn't that what we're here for? I like good news!

**Robert Pidgeon**  
San Mateo, CA

## L.A. Law

To help educate people concerning jury nullification, some Southern California LP members might try to arrange a meeting with the writers of "L.A. Law" about doing a program segment on that subject.

For a show which thrives on controversy, this would be a good topic indeed.

**Christopher Miller**  
Lima, OH

## Smoke, Smoke, Smoke

I used to smoke. Now I don't. Having seen both sides, I have to say that Mr. Rosfeld (July 1990 NEWS) is wrong on this one.

He asked what the difference was between a factory polluting the air at his house and a smoker polluting his air at a restaurant. The difference between the two is that the air in the restaurant belongs to the restaurateur. If the restaurateur wishes to permit smoking in her establishment, that is her business! Mr. Rosfeld, the offensive patron, can vote with his feet and go elsewhere. He would, however, use the power of the government to deny that choice to smokers.

Mr. Rosfeld's only moral recourse in this matter is to ask the restaurateur to improve the air conditioning enough to satisfy his desires, or leave. He can also demand that the restaurateur prevent the smoke she permitted to be generated within her establishment from entering the public (his, my) air supply.

**Dana Johansen**  
Alexandria, VA

## Matching Funds

Should the Libertarian Party start accepting matching funds?

This is the million dollar question and the turning point of the party. It is a question that should be addressed to all members. After all, if we do not accept federal funds, it will be up to us to finance all the programs, groups, advertising, and candidates.

If we are basing our future on the contributions of all the members, then let's hear what members have to say about it. The LP NEWS is a unifying force. I cannot think of a more important issue at hand. In the final analysis, everything we do from now on will come down to this single issue. Perhaps we can even vote on it.

How about a follow-up on how much each member plans to contribute for 1990 and an election year. Let's evaluate how much money we have to put up with the principle of no matching funds.

I personally see nothing wrong with using funds to make our party viable. With matching funds, we become a credible party. After that, we can start to make further headway.

**Michael Charles**  
Irvine, CA

## Elected for Life

The anti-politician mood of America has been earned by both Democrats and Republicans who can be elected for life.

Once elected, a politician's first and only priority is to be re-elected.

Since we know that there is no "free" lunch, somebody pays for the services a politician promises his constituents. For sure it is never the politician with his own money.

The politician "buys" his constituent's votes with money he takes from taxpayers in other

voting districts, or borrows by bonding from unborn taxpayers who cannot vote.

Instead of taxing and borrowing to buy re-election, a career politician should earn election (promotion) to higher levels of public trust by the quality of prior service.

No elected official should be permitted to succeed himself, but should be free to be elected to ever more desirable positions of service and trust.

To attract talented candidates, political positions should pay very well. However, there should be no fringe benefits for long-term service—like pensions. At mid-term there should be a recall election where an incompetent or thief could be replaced.

If politicians could not succeed themselves, they could grow to become statesmen.

**Lou Klein**  
Brookfield, CT

## Kiddie Korral?

Last night Alexis Thompson and Associates called me soliciting funds for the LP to put money into college campus activity.

Are we a political party or a kiddie korral? I helped to put together the very first libertarian political activist organization on a college campus, at the University of California at Berkeley in the 1960's. So I have nothing against this kind of activity per se.

But when is the Libertarian Party going to grow up? The Alaska and Arizona LPs have lost ballot status, and the California LP is about to in November, unless it gets its registration up to 1 percent or its vote for a statewide office up to 2 percent. These are the priority projects that need national LP support, not projects for playing with the kiddies on campus.

Organizations like Common Cause, which began at the same time as the Libertarian Party, have grown to over one-quarter million members, while the LP has only 9,000. Here in California, the Peace and Freedom Party has a registration tally and vote tally twice that of the Libertarian Party. The reason they are growing and we are not is because they engage in real world political activity, not just ideological education.

Bringing about successful socio-political change in a libertarian direction is about recruiting large numbers of people, and mobilizing them to take political action, such as "jury nullification" of unjust laws. Isn't it about time for the LP to become something more than a tiny insignificant ideological cult?

**Randall Grindle**  
Lower Lake, CA

## Withholding

Here's an idea for how Libertarians can cure excessive taxation.

Secure a list of all publications ordered by the business community. Send a simultaneous letter to the editor to all.

Suggest that all businesses give the national government an ultimatum: reduce all expenditures by "X" percentage by "X" date or all Social Security and other withholding taxes will be put in escrow until the results are obtained. Point out that Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman suggested an across the board cut in expenditures.

Include a form letter that editors can suggest other businesses use—which also states that legal action against one or any corporation will result in further escrow withholdings.

It's time for business people to stop complaining and force our representatives to be responsible.

**Millie Bankert**  
Gettysburg, PA

# "Blue Diamond" Revised in CA

By John Vernon

If you were like me, you began your sojourn as a libertarian doing a great deal of arguing with those who did not understand your attitudes, beliefs, and opinions. Each turn of the conversation seemed to raise yet another point of argument, and if there had been any hope for agreement, it was probably lost in the torrent of righteous and angry words which spewed forth, as you attempted to set them straight—these intellectual heirs of Wesley Mouch and Elsworth Toohey.

Thanks to the work of people like Marshall Fritz and David Bergland, a lot of us began to see that it would be more effective to try to find some point of agreement by which we could steer our friends and contacts toward libertarianism.

Along the way, the Nolan chart, which began as David Nolan's way of redefining the political spectrum, came to be seen as a device for establishing areas of agreement with those expressing an interest in libertarianism.

Here in California, our local version of the Nolan Chart, affectionately known as the "Blue Diamond," was used by Jim Lewis to survey over 6,500 college students at 59 campuses in the last school year. While other surveys had indicated as little as 16 percent of the population in the libertarian corner, using the "Blue Diamond" with its set of 20 questions, Jim found 52 percent of the students in the "Libertarian Quadrant." This positioning assumed a pro-freedom answer to at least 70 percent of the questions.

In addition to Jim Lewis' campus work, thousands of people were surveyed at locations such as beaches, gun shows, street corners, and bikers' meets, with varying results (some as high as 90 percent in the libertarian quadrant) reflecting the makeup of the subject gathering.

Using our experience, California mem-

ber and computer whiz Greg Raven, Jim Lewis, and I set out to make some revisions which would clarify some of the questions on the "Blue Diamond," eliminate some which did not seem very relevant, and add some which would reflect more timely concerns.

In the previous survey, the question was asked, "Whose decision should it be whether you — smoke dope?" Posing the question this way meant that we would get an inaccurate reading from individuals who might favor the legalization of marijuana, but are totally opposed to the re-legalization of heroin and cocaine. Rephrasing the question, "Who should decide whether or not you — use drugs?" gives a more accurate picture of the individual's views of self-ownership and the issue of re-legalization of all drugs.

The previous survey on the abortion issue was phrased "have a baby?" We felt the survey should more straightforwardly reflect the Libertarian Party's platform position, even though all Libertarians might not agree with it. The question as previously stated was really more suited to a survey for use in the People's Republic of China, with its policy of forced abortions.

In previous surveys we had totally overlooked the issue of Social Security and felt such an issue demanded to be included among our questions.

While the "Blue Diamond" had a number of questions dealing with sexual matters, none dealt directly with homosexuality, in spite of the fact that an estimated 10 percent of the population is homosexual. In addition, the AIDS crisis prompted us to add the question "use unapproved medical treatments?" Even though freedom in medicine concerns many citizens who are not AIDS patients, recent sit-ins at FDA offices by AIDS activists have brought the importance of this issue to the fore.

Since our survey is used primarily in

California, we felt there was a need to include questions dealing with some local issues. In Los Angeles there have been numerous demonstrations involving thousands of citizens against government mandated spraying of residential neighborhoods with malathion to eradicate medflies. In spite of substantial opposition to a practice perceived as an assault upon the health, persons, and property of Californians, Governor Deukmejian has been unmoved. The California Libertarian Party has gone on record as opposing any spraying of private property without the consent of the owners and occupants.

Recently Republican Governor Deukmejian has also been advocating the imposition of mandatory earthquake insurance, broaching a new area of maternalism/paternalism: hence the question, "purchase earthquake insurance?"

The beauty of the survey is that it establishes contact on the basis of agreement, not disagreement. It allows us to be selective about the dispensation of literature, since it is Jim Lewis' policy to give literature only to students who land in the libertarian quadrant, unless it is requested. The survey tables on campuses and in public places draw people like a magnet.

Some survey teams organize themselves so that they have a designated "debater" whose job is to draw aside argumentative contacts in order to keep them from distracting others who may be discovering their libertarianism in a positive fashion.

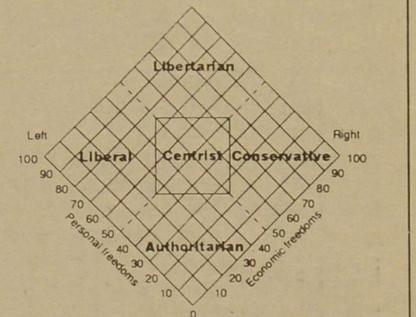
One of the delights of working a survey table is to overhear two students discuss their survey results. One has informed the other that he is a "centrist." The other, who may never have heard the word before that day proudly proclaims, "Oh! I'm a Libertarian!"

## Your Opinion on Abortion, Gun Control, the Drug War, etc.

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"Gov't decides" - "there ought to be a law."

Personal Freedoms	I decide	Not sure	Gov't decides
Who should decide whether or not you:			
Wear a seatbelt or helmet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own a gun for self-defense?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serve in the military?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have your home sprayed with malathion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have an abortion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have homosexual relations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Send your child to school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use unapproved medical treatments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buy a pornographic book or video?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Count checkmarks  
Multiply by: x 10      x 5      x 0  
Add multiple totals for your Personal Freedom score:      +      -



Economic Freedoms	I decide	Not sure	Gov't decides
Who should decide whether or not you:			
Work for less than minimum wage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buy a foreign car?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build a home without a permit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide for your old age with Social Security?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver first-class mail in competition with the U.S. Postal Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Pay taxes to defend foreign countries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Count checkmarks  
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Plot your personal freedom score against the left scale and your economic freedom score against the right scale. The intersection of your scores reveals your political position.

The California "Blue Diamond" Chart was revised in May 1990. This version is currently being used in outreach efforts.

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## Persuading PBS

By Tom Walls  
LP Headquarters Intern

The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is presently considering a number of strategy options for its coverage of the 1992 presidential elections. After David Morris, the South Carolina LP treasurer, mailed us a newspaper clipping stating that PBS was contemplating giving 1992 presidential candidates extra air time to present their views, I telephoned Glen Dixon, director of News and Public Affairs Programming at PBS. I politely inquired about the possibility of including Libertarian candidates in such programming. Dixon told me that such decisions could not be made so prematurely, as PBS is still exploring the overall feasibility of providing candidates with extra air time and has not yet reached the stage where concrete structure, format, and content options can be chosen.

We here at LP headquarters feel that viewer correspondence could very well influence decisions made regarding PBS programming during the '92 elections. Dixon kindly furnished me with the ad-

dress of his department. It is: Department of News and Public Affairs Programming, PBS, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314-1698; or call 703-739-5000.

Letters should politely ask about the possibility of extending coverage (pending they provide any candidates with extra coverage) to the Libertarian candidate(s) in the 1992 presidential election. Also send letters to the PBS general address (just delete the department name) to ensure that enough individuals at PBS get wind of our efforts.

Remember, Libertarians did a good job during Ron Paul's campaign with letter writing; let's start getting them out now so we can engender mass media awareness while the proverbial ball is still in the air. Don't limit your correspondence to PBS; target newspapers on local, state, and national levels; magazines; networks and TV stations (both cable and non-cable), and anything else you can think of. Set a goal of at least one letter a week; this is a realistic expectation of anyone who considers themselves to be a relatively active Libertarian. Don't be afraid to use "the l-word" or the party name in your correspondence. Get out that feather, inkblot, and parchment, and let's make history!



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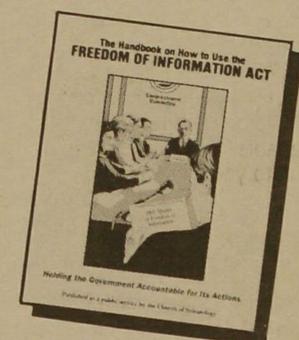
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## Upcoming Events

### Fall 1990:

North Dakota LP Convention.

Hawaii LP Convention; contact Blase Harris at 808-595-8261 (h) or 808-531-4581 (o).

### October 1990:

New Hampshire LP Convention, Nashua; contact Doug Harrigan at 603-898-7851.

Maryland LP Convention; 202-328-0099.

### November 6, 1990:

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### November 9-11, 1990:

National FIJA Conference, St. Louis, MO; 406-793-5550.

### December 8-9, 1990:

National Committee Meeting, White Plains, NY; 914-472-0506. To receive agenda packet call 202-543-1988.

### February 15-18, 1991:

California LP Convention, Monterey; 714-949-3442.

### April 1991:

National Committee Meeting, Atlanta, GA; 404-957-6825.

### June 21-23, 1991:

Women in Libertarianism Conference, University Park Holiday Inn, Ft. Collins, CO; for more information send SASE to Mary Margaret Glennie, 1317 Lakewood Drive, Ft. Collins, CO 80521; 303-484-8184. Potential speakers are welcome to submit text of talk.

### August 28-September 1, 1991:

"Liberty Triumphant," LP Presidential Nominating Convention, Chicago Marriott, Chicago; 708-475-0391.

To add your LP state convention or other LP event of national interest to this calendar, provide information to Gary Johnson, 2001 Parker Lane, #134, Austin, TX 78741-3849; 512-441-6378.

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