Browne shines in two national TV appearances

Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne “stole the show” during two national TV appearances this month when he went head-to-head with several minor party presidential candidates, according to campaign director Sharon Ayres.

Browne appeared on the popular Larry King Show on CNN on Sunday, October 6th, directly following the first presidential debate, and on a nationally televised debate from the National Press Club in Washington, DC on Monday, October 7th, broadcast by C-SPAN.


Browne refrained from attacking the lesser-party candidates, and instead focused his rhetorical firepower on Bill Clinton’s and Bob Dole’s debate performances.

“(Clinton and Dole] were quibbling over nothing because they don’t have any substantial proposals. They were quibbling while America burns,” said Browne.

Making a pitch to the three-quarters of Americans who “think government is way too big,” Browne urged: “Don’t waste your vote. If you want government out of your bedroom, your bank accounts, and your life, there’s only one choice — the Libertarian Party.”

The three-way debate broadcast on C-SPAN the next evening featured Browne, Hagelin, and Phillips — but was clearly dominated by Browne, said Ayres.

“No wonder Clinton and Dole refused to invite Mr. Browne to their debate,” said Ayres. “Based on his performance in this debate, he would have stolen the show.”

Browne dominated the debate, Ayres said, because he was the only candidate able to present a credible, consistent, persuasive case for smaller government.

“The other guys were all over the map,” she said. “Phillips argued for a government that enforced so-called Biblical rules of personal behavior, and Hagelin advocated a government that spent more money on so-called scientific solutions. Only Mr. Browne presented a credible plan to dramatically reduce the size and cost of government.”

The debate was sponsored by George Mason University School of Law and the International Center for Economic Justice. The two appearances generated more than 2,500 calls to the party’s 800#, reported Ayres.

Browne picks up endorsements from gay newspaper, taxpayer’s advocate

Harry Browne has won two more endorsements for president — from a leading taxpayer’s advocate on the East Coast and a prestigious gay newspaper on the West Coast.

In an op-ed piece in the Quincy, Massachusetts Patriot Ledger on September 28th, Barbara Anderson, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, wrote that she had voted for Browne in the Massachusetts primary — and told taxpayers, “He’s on your side.”

Noting that she had been introduced to Browne in 1975 via his book How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World, Anderson wrote: “Harry Browne is running for president because time is running out for freedom in an unfree world. Harry does not just attack [big government], he has solutions, and he expresses them with optimism, hope, and confidence that it’s not too late to recover the freedom that we had — and create the better world we all want.”

On the other side of the country, the gay newspaper OutNow! reached the same conclusion.

The San Francisco paper wrote on October 1st: “Harry Browne offers a vision of an America that’s vastly different from those proffered by the Republicans and Democrats. His goal is to get the federal government out of our lives as much as possible. He doesn’t promise an end to discrimination. But he does promise to get the government out of the business of regulating our lives. And while that certainly won’t solve all of our problems, it’s a good start.

“Make sure your vote for president is one that advances the goal of gay Americans becoming fully equal members of society — nothing more, nothing less. A vote for Harry Browne will do just that.”

Jorgensen: political ‘dream woman’

Sure, Harry Browne has been praised by many political commentators — but he’s never received the compliment that VP candidate Jo Jorgensen got this month.

Jorgenson isn’t just “cool, intelligent, and aggressively opinionated,” wrote columnist Doug Vanderweide in the Waterville (Maine) Morning Sentinel on October 3rd, she’s a political “dream woman [with] tremendous appeal for generation Xers — especially males.”

Noting that Libertarians have a reputation for being bookish, Vanderweide wrote: “Jorgensen’s vitality and hipness bring the promise of breaking down that wall of elitism, and the chance to invite an entire generation to swell the Libertarian Party’s ranks — and success.”
The Libertarians and Democrats spar over election symbols

By ERIC BERGER
Missourian staff writer

The Libertarians plan to use the Missouri Mule to give the Democrats a symbolic kick in the ass.

On Thursday, local Libertarians claimed a small victory when they gained approval to use a mule as their symbol on the ballot in the upcoming election.

"It's a no-lose situation for us," said Mitch Moore, the Libertarian candidate for the 9th Congressional District seat. "A mule is a highly prized animal. It helped people move West and helped to reconstruct the South — it's a heck of a symbol."

The Democrats, who use the donkey as their symbol on the national level, used the Statue of Liberty to win control of the Missouri Senate. Both sides use the Missouri Mule to represent Missouri.

The Libertarians are the only third party on the ballot in Missouri, they said. A mule is the Libertarian national symbol.

"The law basically says the only grounds we have to reject it is if the proposed symbol bears a resemblance to any other symbol that has been used in the past five years," he said. "The state Democrats have used the Statue of Liberty for years, Grebing said."

For that reason, Moore said his party went after the mule. Formerly, the Libertarians in Missouri had used the Liberty Bell.

So this November, Missouri voters will have to decide whether to vote for the donkey party by checking off the candidate with a statue by their name, or the liberty candidate with a symbol by their name that looks like a donkey.

"It definitely creates problems for us that they have Lady Liberty," Moore said. "It's confusing when people go to the voting booth, but the Democrats are to blame for two things. First, they don't use the donkey, and secondly, they use our symbol."

One possible solution Moore suggested involved a possible swap between the Libertarian and Democratic symbols. Moore said the Libertarians were willing to work to facilitate the symbol swap.

"They have the power to legislate a change," he said. "They could work with us. We are reasonable people."

Whether or not reason prevails, Moore believes he will have the mule. But he did worry about one local problem. The candidate wondered whether the Muleskinners, a local Democratic organization, might want to reconsider their symbol.

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By M.K. GUETERSLOH
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CHARLESTON — The current political spectrum offers a set of false choices — either Republican or Democrat — said Robin Miller, third party candidate for U.S Senate. The 37-year-old East Peoria man is running for the Senate seat that will be vacated by Sen. Paul Simon, a Democrat, in the fall.

Miller, a Libertarian, is competing against Republican Al Salvi and Democrat Dick Durbin for the seat.

This will be the second campaign trail Miller has traveled. The first was a bid to be a University of Illinois Trustee in 1994. "In the 1994 election, I was drafted," Miller said during a phone interview. "They (leaders of the party) came to me and said they were looking to broaden their influence downstate and they needed my help. I asked them what they wanted me to do, which was run for U of I trustee, I said, 'Great, I can do that.'"

Miller said he spent $100 campaigning for the trustee position. Although he did not win, he did receive 200,000 votes, which gave the Libertarians a major-party ballot status in Illinois.

Because of the major party status, Miller has been included in the Chicago Senatorial debates.

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sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Although, he is happy he will be participating in the debate, he knows the competition is going to try to portray him as an extremist. "My expectation is they will try to marginalize me," Miller said. "They will try to paint me as an extremist."

Miller used the issue of government growth as an example of how he could be considered an extremist compared to Salvi and Durbin.

"The Democrats want the government to grow by 5 percent, the Republicans want the government to grow by 3 percent and the Libertarians want the government reduced by 50 percent," he said. "There is a 2 percent difference between those two parties. The Libertarians are the only ones offering a truly different option."

Although it is not as widely recognized as the two major parties, Miller said the Libertarian party is growing and, with 180 candidates in office across the nation, it is legitimately the third largest party.

"Ross Perot and his Reform Party do not have anyone holding office," Miller said. "Growth in the Libertarian Party is due to citizens, especially members of the X Generation, who are becoming increasingly unhappy with the choice between Democrats and Republicans."

"As Generation X gets more involved in politics, I do see the party growing as a result," said Miller who believes the Libertarian Party will also grow in two ways.

"It will grow now voluntarily while we all still have a choice and it will grow later when the crash comes and we can't afford to be a Republican or a Democrat."

Miller said he joined the party after becoming dissatisfied with the political system. "I was in the Anderson camp in 1980 and I had my fling with Reagan," he said. "Then I found this party. This country was founded by people who wanted to get rid of government. Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, they would be Libertarians today."

Topics such as smoking and abortion grabbing headlines in the political campaigns, Miller said, is a distraction from the real issues. "While these issues are important, they will not have the effect that fiscal collapse will have on the country," he said. "We need to set priorities."

Miller said he knows that winning in November is a long-shot, but even getting votes will help facilitate changes within the current political system.

"A win would certainly help bring change faster, but even getting 10 to 12 percent of the vote will tell the other candidates, 'We're on to you guys' and the change will eventually come as a result," he said. "And there is an outside possibility that we can win in these elections. Who knows?"

If Miller does not win in November, he said he will go back to work at his technology sales and service company, Liberty Home Automation, in East Peoria.
Libertarian candidates on local, national ballots

While members of the news media are telling us more than we want to know about Bill Clinton and Bob Dole — and occasionally hypoing Ross Perot — candidates from the third largest political party in America have been quietly campaigning, just as they have since 1971.

Those of you who watch C-SPAN or read more than the front page and comics already know Harry Browne is running for president as a Libertarian candidate. But did you know that Greg Samples of Lenor City, a Libertarian, is opposing Fred Thompson for the U.S. Senate?

You probably didn’t know because most political reporters in America are focused on the most highly visible party brokers. And while it’s obvious not everyone who decides to run for president can be touted by the press, Browne, on the ballot in all 50 states, most certainly has earned the right to be treated seriously.

Not a personality cult founded around a George Wallace or a Ross Perot, not a one-issue tribe like the Green Party, Libertarian candidates have always run on clearly defined principles. The central principle of Libertarianism is that the legitimate functions of government are few; most party members believe, could best be provided by free enterprise.

Advocates of Libertarianism see themselves as the only real alternative party, firmly rooted in the U.S. Constitution, fervent champions of the Bill of Rights.

“The difference between Democrats and Republicans,” said Preston Spaulding, who is running for the Fourth District seat, “is that Democrats rob you with the left hand, and try to manage your remaining money, while Republicans use the right hand and try to manage your morals.”

In addition to the candidates mentioned above, I have also interviewed Libertarians Chris Dimit, Second Congressional District candidate; William Cole, running for the Third District seat; and Paul Schmidt, who is seeking the congressional seat for the First District. Dimit, Spaulding and Samples can all be called locally in the Knox County area.

Browne (unlike Mr. Perot) really doesn’t want any campaign contributions from the U.S. government. All he wants is an equal opportunity to be heard.

Most Libertarians sincerely believe national exposure to the principles of their party will be all that is necessary to bring thinking people around to their way of looking at government.

While it has been said, in jest, that the way to run organized crime out of business would be to put the government in charge, Libertarians say the government is organized crime.

For every registered party member, there are numerous sympathizers who say they would vote Libertarian, but for fear of “wasting” a vote and perhaps helping to elect the “wrong” candidate. To the Libertarians quickly point out moral principles, not immediate gratification, will change the world.

If you think Browne should be included in the debates, write a letter to: Commission on Presidential Debates, 601 13th St. NW, Suite 310-S, Washington, D.C., 20005.

Making the ‘Big 5-0’

Since Harry Browne, the Libertarian Party candidate, is now on the ballot in all 50 states, he’s ahead of Ross Perot, who is still having trouble in New York and Delaware.

“For 25 years, the Libertarian Party has had to overcome state laws that work to keep any third party off the ballot — as well as federal campaign-finance laws that bestow millions in taxpayer dollars on the two old parties while restricting what the Libertarian Party can raise voluntarily,” Browne said in a statement.

Kris Williams, who coordinated the ballot-access drive, called it the first time a third party has achieved the 50-state status for two presidential elections in a row.

Libertarian Party’s philosophy won over this son of a former state Democratic chairman

By John R. O’Neill

A bout four years ago, Kurt St. Angelo kicked the habit.

He also stopped smoking.

But it was kicking the two-party habit that has landed him on the ballot in the 10th Congressional District.

St. Angelo, an Indianapolis attorney and businessman, was a lifelong Democrat until being won over to the Libertarian Party. Frustrated with both major parties, he voted for independent candidate Ross Perot in the 1992 presidential election.

The conversion to his new party shortly thereafter “happened pretty quickly, when I heard the rightness of the Libertarian philosophy,” which he described as “the political embodiment of the Golden Rule.”

And so he left the comfort of a major party for the uncertainty of a political movement that must fight for the attention Republicans and Democrats take for granted.

But he wouldn’t go back.

“If I can get behind a cause, he stands up for it. He’s an advocate. It’s in his blood,” Albrecht said. “He has a lot of integrity. He will back it up.”

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But Gordon St. Angelo, who led the state Democrats from 1965 to 1974, accepts his son’s decision and said he’s proud of him.

“That’s the kind of children we wanted to raise: kids who could think for themselves, find their own philosophy and niche in life,” said the elder St. Angelo.

“This has not been a family problem.”

Unfortunately, he added, he lives in the 6th Congressional District so he can’t vote for his son.

Kurt St. Angelo, now 40, spent his early childhood in Huntingburg before moving to Indianapolis in 1965 when he was 8. He graduated from North Central High School and attended Pomona College in California. After that, he held a variety of jobs.

He sold photographic equipment for a while, first in Bloomington and later in Hawaii. He returned to Indianapolis to attend Indiana University Law School. While in law school, he became manager and agent for a local singing group, The Fabulous Statlerettes.

That’s how he met Jim Albrecht, a partner in Gary James Productions.

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Liberarians deserve spot in presidential debates, too

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