



# THE CAPITAL DISTRICT LIBERTARIAN

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## SOLOMON CHANGES HISTORY

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-Queensbury, has changed history, but not by any noble act or insightful decision. He's had the record erased of a threat he made to Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-Rochester.

When Slaughter attempted to close debate on the Family Planning Amendments Act, Solomon was captured on videotape shouting at her. "What did you say? You are trying to shut me off? You had better not do that, ma'am. You will regret that as long as you live."

In the daily Congressional Record, the exchange was reported as follows: "I will say to the gentlelady, for whom I have the greatest respect, I would hope that she or any other member not try to cut off another member when a serious matter like this is trying to be resolved here in the proper house." In the final, permanent Congressional Record, the comments were stricken completely.

*from AP story in TU 4/30/93*

## CUPS RUNNING OVER

Surprise! According to the New York AFL-CIO urine tests for drug use are inaccurate. The use of many common medicines and even poppy seed rolls can cause false positive results. ADVIL, MOTRIN, NUPRIN, RUFEN, and MEDIPRIN can cause false positives for Marijuana; a poppy seed roll can give a false positive for heroin.

The Times Union reported recently that union members applying for jobs on the Patroon Island Bridge repair project have complained about the testing. The project superintendent says the reason for drug testing is "100 percent safety." It's difficult to understand their motives however, since they don't test for alcohol. One worker said "I know iron workers who have two shots and four beers at lunch, and that's no safer."

I know I'll have a warm, safe feeling next time I drive over a bridge!

25% of Saratoga voters are registered as independents. Can we tap this potential?

The Libertarian Party of New York

## CONVENTION '93

Saturday, May 22nd White Plains Hotel  
South Broadway and Lyon Place White Plains, NY

### Speakers

Norma Segal record breaking vote getter in the 1992 NY Senate race  
Dr. Mary J. Ruwart, Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle

Business Meeting and Election of Officers

The Great Pledge Debate

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## PLUS SIZE POWER

Add to those in need of government protection short and/or fat people. NY Assemblyman Daniel Feldman has proposed amending the states civil rights laws to prevent discrimination based on body size.

No one is likely to accuse NY voters of discrimination based on intelligence.

## JUDICIAL ACTAion

All County Taxpayers Association (ACTA) is on the move again. Two cases are reported in the March issue of T.J.'s Perspective, the ACTA newsletter. The actions of the State that ACTA is fighting are all cases of waste or abuse of tax dollars by local governments. A complaint was filed in U.S. District Court in Buffalo by nine ACTA people. The court described the case as follows:

"Plaintiffs filed a Verified Complaint on April 1, 1993, asserting causes of action against a number of local governments and officials... for violation of plaintiffs' constitutional rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 [the Civil Rights Law]. Essentially, plaintiffs allege that recent spending and borrowing practices of a number of local governments throughout New York State violate the New York State Constitution, and violate their rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the federal Constitution not to have their property (here, plaintiffs' taxes) taken without due process. Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint seeks declaratory and permanent injunctive relief and damages, including punitive damages."

The other case involves school district budget votes. The "meaningless vote" case is being fought because of the ability of school boards to override the vote of the citizens to fund "ordinary expenses" (employee salaries and benefits and administrative costs.) This amounts to allowing the citizens to vote on only the 2.5% of the budget not included in the definition of "ordinary expenses."

For more information on these cases, you should subscribe to T.J.'s Perspective. \$35

buys membership to ACTA and a subscription to T.J.'s and helps in the fight against big government.

ACTA

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The first ACTA convention will be held in Lake George June 18-19

## THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF BILL *"I JUST HAVE ALWAYS HAD AN ALMOST LIBERTARIAN VIEW"*

CLINTON

PALO ALTO, CALIF. -- Libertarian Party national chair Mary Gingell (JING'-gel) noted with some amusement today that President Clinton said at his 23 April news conference he had "an almost libertarian view." (In answer to a question on gay rights, he had replied "I just have always had an almost libertarian view that we should try to protect the rights of American individual citizens to live up to the fullest of their capacities, and I'm going to stick right with that.")

Gingell said today, "I am delighted that the President thinks being a libertarian is a good thing. I guess just about everybody wants to be a libertarian now." But she added, "Judging from his first 100 days, President Clinton has a long way to go before he is a libertarian."

"A libertarian is neither a liberal nor a conservative, but is an individual who is against the first use of force to achieve political or social goals. The Libertarian Party advocates civil liberties, the market economy, and a non-interventionist foreign policy."

"A Libertarian Administration and Congress would have, in their first 100 days, repealed a wide range of federal laws, regulations, and executive orders; cut taxes; stopped subsidies to businesses and slashed the pork; abolished entire federal agencies; begun a comprehensive program of privatization;

prevented federal bureaucrats and politicians from snooping in our bedrooms and interfering with our personal lives; and withdrawn U.S. troops from Europe, Africa, and elsewhere."

"For the most part, Mr. Clinton has been moving in the wrong direction -- proposing higher taxes and new taxes, increasing pork and subsidies, endorsing more laws and regulations, flirting with socialized medicine, and allowing the U.S. to be drawn slowly into taking sides in a European war."

"I hope that, in the remainder of his term, President Clinton will come much closer to his 'libertarian view' than he has in his first 100 days, Gingell concluded.

*"It is a disgrace to the American people that [Bush] would make a claim that is so baseless, that is so without foundation, so shameless in its attempt to get votes under false pretenses."*

--Clinton, denying he'd raise taxes on families earning just \$36,000/yr.

## PRIVATEERS

The New York State Civil Service Employee Association (CSEA) is running radio ads opposing privatization. They say something like, "...we must stop these privateers before they become pirates and plunder our State." Then they cite a few examples of privatization gone wrong: prisoners escaping from privatized prisons, privatized services gone bust, etc.

An 800 number is given for those who want an information packet of reasons to oppose privatization. I suggest we all call it and get on their mailing list. They'll have to send you their package. Then perhaps they'll keep us apprised of when "dangerous" privatization bills are before the legislature.

To receive your "free" information packet, call: (800) 836-2732

*anonymous message from libernet*

## LET US PRAY

Psalm 1993

First Book of Democrats

Bill Clinton is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He leadeth me beside the still factories.

He restoreth my faith in the Republican Party.

He guideth me in the path of unemployment.

Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Bread Line,

I shall not go hungry.

Clinton has anointed my income with taxes.

My expenses runneth over my income.

Surely, poverty and misery will follow me

all the days of his term.

And we shall live in a rented house forever.

AMEN

*anonymous*



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To join both the State and Local Party the fee is \$21

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at  
The Branch Restaurant on Maiden Lane in downtown Albany.

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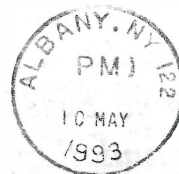
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First they came for the white supremacists

But I did not speak out because I'm not a white supremacist

Then they came for the cultists

But I did not speak out because I'm not part of a cult

Then they came for all the gun owners

But I did not speak out because I don't own a gun

Then they came for the rest of us...

because now there is not a damn thing to stop them.