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New director

Cisewski takes over at LPHQ

The new National Committee approved a former Republican operative to serve as LP national director, after his appointment by Libertarian Party Chair Steve Dasbach.

Gene A. Cisewski (pronounced sha-SEV-ski), a marketing executive from the CUNA Mutual Insurance Group of Madison, WI, has assumed his new duties in the Washington, DC, headquarters.

Cisewski replaces Stuart Reges

who resigned his position effective early last month.

In making the appointment, Dasbach said, "Gene Cisewski can help us build a winning party, if we help him. Gene was, to use a sports metaphor, 'the best player in the draft,' and I picked him."

Cisewski gets high marks in political organizing skills and Libertarian commitment from Wisconsin LP Chair Ron Emery where Cisewski served as vice chair and managed two legislative races.

In 1985-86, Cisewski was staff director at the Republican Party of

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“
The time is right for our growth. If everybody pitches in, there's no stopping us.
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High court

U.S. Supreme Court drifted toward libertarianism in 1992-93

By DON ERNSBERGER

“While the executive and legislative branches of government continue to promote and enact legislation that restricts individual liberty and expands the power of government, the United States Supreme Court continues to provide a partial check to the drift.”

So concludes the recently published "Libertarian Review of the U.S. Supreme Court 1992-93 Session."

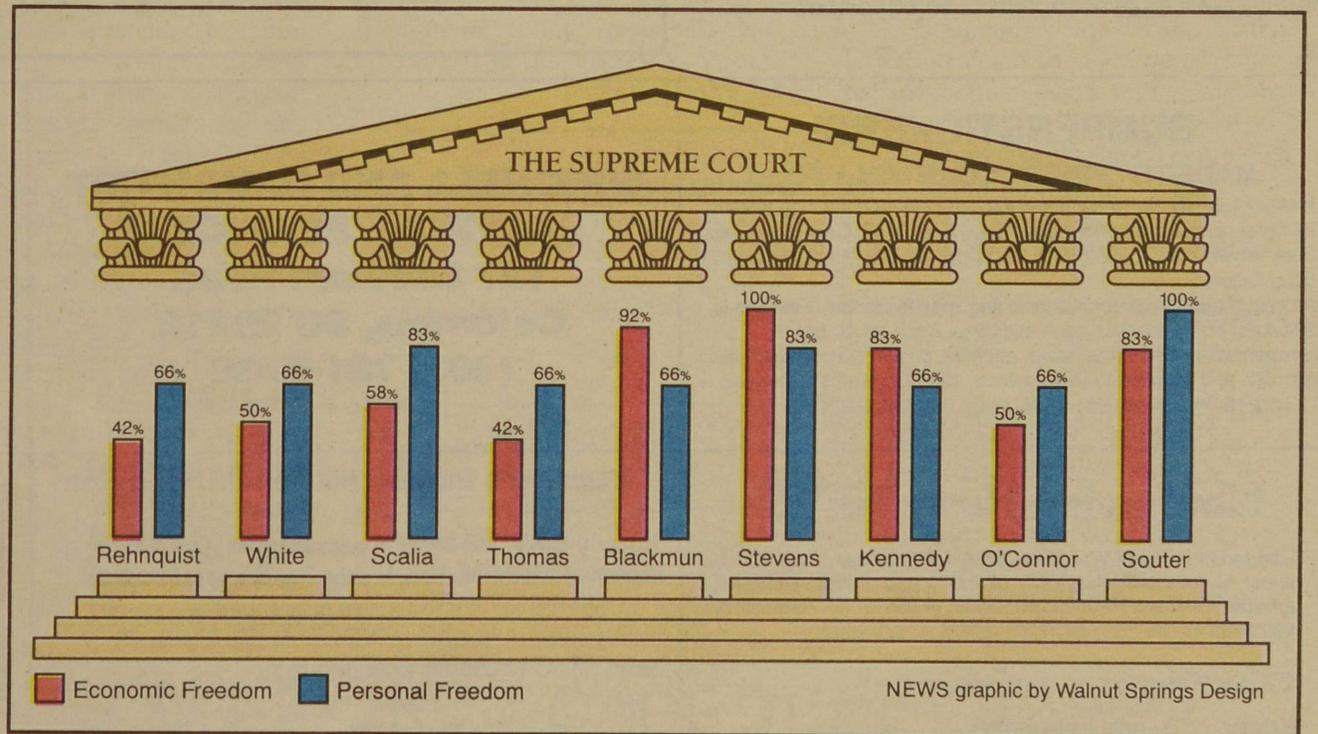
The study focuses on the 12 most important Supreme Court cases from the 1992-93 session that dealt with issues of economic and personal liberty. The study summarizes these cases from a libertarian perspective, and then rates each of the nine justices based on their voting patterns.

Six of the cases focus on economic freedom and property rights. These include two cases challenging forfeiture laws, three cases dealing with commercial advertising and solicitation, and one case focused on anti-trust law.

The other six cases focused on personal liberty areas. These included appeals dealing with censorship, protest rights, drug sales, and church-state separation issues.

Two justices, David Souter and John Paul Stevens, earned libertarian ratings of 92 percent by voting correctly in 11 of the 12 key cases. Souter erred only in his vote on *U.S. vs. Edge Broadcasting*, where he voted to support a ban on radio advertising of lottery sales within a state that did not conduct lotteries. Stevens erred in support of an injunction on anti-abortion protesters in *Bray vs. Alexandria*.

In the 1991-92 session, Souter was ranked "most libertarian" with a 65 percent favorable rating.



The 1992-93 session was unusual because in the area of economic freedom several key cases involving "commercial free speech" were decided. The effect was to improve the scores of the two traditionally liberal justices, Blackmun and Stevens, who now view commercial speech rights in a more favorable light. At the same time, several traditionally conservative justices, such as Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Byron White, improved their libertarian ratings by supporting traditionally liberal positions on cases dealing with anti-abortion protest rights and censorship.

During the 1991-92 session, members of the U.S. Supreme Court fell into five distinct groupings that closely pattern the Nolan Chart model used by so many libertarians. Justices Rehnquist and White fell into the authoritarian category, Justices Scalia and Thomas were

rated as conservatives, Justices Blackmun and Stevens, not surprisingly, turned out to be liberals, Justices Kennedy and O'Connor were rated moderate, and Justice Souter rated as only "mildly" libertarian.

This year, the ratings are not nearly so systematic. Because of the types of cases used in the ratings, the full court averaged 66 percent libertarian, but the individual members ranged from a low of 54 percent (Thomas and Rehnquist) to a high of 92 percent (Souter and Stevens).

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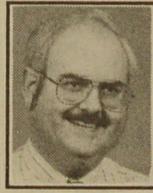
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By the time they finish in December, Perry and John will have produced a professional procedures manual that will serve as the starting point for professionalizing the operations of our headquarters. The outline alone is proving invaluable in our strategic budget planning for 1994.

Our strategic planning for 1994 is focusing on the essential tasks of a political party. Which states offer the best opportunities to gain ballot access in 1994? How can we develop a positive relationship with the media and the public? How can we generate more inquiries? More members? More contributors? What tools do our affiliates and candidates need to succeed? How can we best provide them?

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Steve Dasbach
National Chair

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We've been working to professionalize everything we do. And we're laying the foundation to make relentless outreach our top priority in 1994. Now it's time to get active in the political process.

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High school/ home school coordinator appointed

Joseph Knight, LP field organizer, has announced that Natalie Lloyd of Bowling Green, Ohio, has been appointed to the Campus Organizing Advisory Committee and will serve as high school/home school outreach and organizing coordinator.

"Natalie wanted to demonstrate what a teenager could do, and she will have an excellent opportunity to do so," Knight said, adding that Lloyd would have a "very high degree of autonomy" in the development and implementation of her program. Lloyd made a respectable showing as a candidate for LP chair at the national convention in Salt Lake City.

Knight pointed out that "most of the college Libertarians we will have going into the '96 elections are currently in high school," and said he was "delighted" to be adding a high school program to the campus organizing effort.

High school or home school Libertarians can contact Natalie Lloyd at 419-353-1813.

Correction

The correct address for the Maine Citizens for the Tax Brake (September 1993 NEWS) is P.O. Box 1040, Rockland, ME 04841. The toll-free telephone number, 1-800-639-2148, is for Maine residents only.

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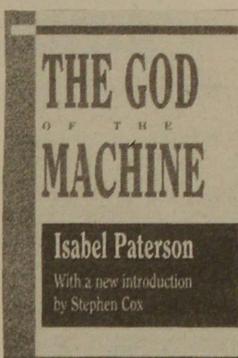
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Hit'em Where They Ain't: A Reply, By: Jim Burns

In the September issue of the LP News on page 17, an article critical of my ad campaign appeared, "Right strategy, wrong race", written by Miriam F. Luce. Ms. Luce, from all that I have read, is an excellent example of a libertarian activist. If we had a thousand more like her, the LP would be well on our way. However, the issues we are talking about are not about philosophy; rather, strategy, tactics, and prediction. On these issues libertarians can and do disagree.

In review, "Hit'em Where They Ain't" starts with seven assumptions: 1) that the LP will have a presidential candidate, 2) that the LP presidential campaign strategy can, should, and must change to improve the results, 3) that LP candidates can win any election if and almost only if they run better campaigns than their opponents, 4) that the LP candidate for president will not win the 1996 election, 5) that the winning strategy for a presidential campaign is to win as many of the larger populated states as is possible (a person can win the presidency by winning just ten states if they are the right states), 6) that the Democrats, Republicans, and Perot will not spend large amounts of time, energy, nor money in the smaller states, 7) therefore, if we can win at least one electoral vote or even give the appearance that we might win (by attacking where our opponents do not put their resources)(even one electoral vote could effect the outcome), it will cause the national media to pay attention to us as they have never done before and from that attention increase vote totals, recruitment, and morale everywhere. Bypass their strength. Focus our efforts. Hit'em where they ain't.

My understanding of Ms. Luce criticisms are three-fold.

First, she does not agree with my third assumption that LP candidates can win and states "No amount of money can overcome the profound skepticism of the New Hampshire voters." Come on Ms. Luce - how about a zillion dollars? I predict that a million dollars spent wisely with volunteer work prudently used could win the election for our presidential candidate in New Hampshire or anywhere where we could run a better campaign than our adversaries. Please do not misunderstand me. Money in and of itself will not win elections, but you cannot in most cases win or even be in the game without it. What would have been the results of Ms.

Luce's campaign for governor if the advantage had been in her favor by ten to one? That is the advantage we could have!

Second, that somehow the voters and media of New Hampshire will think us stupid if we spend money there after the primary. Please give me a break! Few people mind being properly courted, being told that they are important, particularly after all the other suitors have gone. I'm sure that the New Hampshire voters and especially the media would not think us stupid if we spend money on them.

Third, that the money would be better spent elsewhere. I believe that we are going to have a national LP ticket. The question is how to run the best campaign we can with the resources which are available to us. Do we run campaigns such as we have in the past? "If you do what you did, you get what you got." Or, do we try something different? Money given to the national campaign is not taken away from the LPNH. The LPNH is still free to try to raise money from whomever they can find who wants to give it to them. And, I for one wish them well. If I have any extra money, I will send them some, but the choice of when and how much will be mine and mine alone. I do not believe that having no candidate for president or having a weak candidate will help the cause even in New Hampshire.

If enough LP activists in New Hampshire oppose the idea of "Hit'em where they ain't" for whatever reason, whether the reasons are rational or not, then it would be a good idea to move the target. New Hampshire is my first choice but not the only alternative. In Maine and Nebraska it is possible to win a single electoral vote by winning a congressional district for the presidential candidate. That has never been done before and not many people know about this. It could have the same impact as New Hampshire. Another selection could be Nevada, with California, Arizona, Utah, and Oregon to help. I would love Nevada to be the choice, but New Hampshire is still my preference if cooperation can be obtained.

The recommendation of "Hit'em where they ain't" is just an idea and will remain just a dream unless enough libertarians adopt it and make it their own idea and take action to put it in effect. If you like "Hit'em where they ain't", please send your name, address, 9-digit zip code, area code and phone number, no money please, and any comments to: Jim Burns, PO Box 3752, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-3752.

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Indiana

In late September, a new state affiliate chapter was formed in Lake County. Elected officers include: **Brian M. Cost**, chair; **Steven Borkowski**, vice chair; **Michael Crass**, treasurer/secretary. Cost can be reached at 219-972-1931.

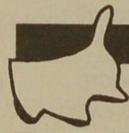
Minnesota

State party members have been circulating petitions in support of the Penny bills and term limits. **Bill Loyd** designed the term limits petition.

The party also has a legislative affairs committee, chaired by **Jack Stecher**. The committee sent out 116 letters to Libertarians and prospects describing the bills, with tips on how to communicate effectively with elected representatives.

Missouri

Mike Bozarth, former Libertarian city councilman in Clarksdale, was arrested in September on felony drug



National pulse

News from the states

charges. Bozarth had been writing articles for local newspapers on ending the Drug War and on Bill of Rights violations. "We feel he was targeted by the rural Drug Strike Force because of those activities," said local activist **Grant Stauffer**. "We feel this is a classic case of government agent provocateurs creating a crime and using entrapment." For more information, write Mike Bozarth Defense Fund, P.O. Box 32731, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Montana

State party members have been working with Montanans for Better Government to fight a proposed sales tax (the referendum lost 75-25 percent). LP members also circulated petitions to halt an income tax increase. The petition succeeded and now the state "legislature will be forced back into a special session to cover what will be a \$50 million shortcoming in the budget," according to state chair **Wyatt Vaught**.

State party affiliates are also in the process of being formed in Yellowstone, Ravalli, Flathead, and Gallitan counties.

New Hampshire

State Liquor Commission nominee **Miriam Luce** won a 4-0 vote of confirmation from the executive council and was subsequently sworn in to office by Gov. Steve Merrill,

making her the first Libertarian appointed to a statewide office.

Merrill's nomination of Luce triggered an avalanche of favorable publicity for Libertarians, including at least 16 page-one stories, a half-dozen political cartoons, and numerous editorials in state newspapers. "We couldn't buy this kind of good PR with \$100,000," said state chair **Doug Harrigan**.

Tennessee

The state party has published its first issue of "Voice of Freedom," the new state party newsletter. Plans are to start the newsletter as a quarterly publication. **Scott Benson**, state chair, and **Deryl Martin** wrote articles for the first issue.

Washington

The state LP recently became the first political party in the state to endorse the mission of the Washington Citizens for Fairness/Hands Off Washington (WCF/HOW) campaign.

The WCF/HOW mission statement seeks to defeat organized statewide political efforts that limit or deny the civil rights of any resident of the state. The immediate goal of WCF/HOW is to defeat threats to civil rights based on anyone's actual or perceived sexual orientation.

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Blake leads in AL city council race; faces run-off

Dr. Jimmy Blake, Alabama Libertarian Party state chair, is in the middle of a hotly-contested race for the Birmingham City Council.

The election took place on Oct. 12, and while Blake finished first, he did not receive the 50 percent needed to capture the seat. A run-off election will be held on Nov. 2 between Blake and the second highest vote getter.

Early polls had shown Blake with about 40 percent of the vote, but apparently a series of anti-libertarian letters were published in the newspaper the day before the election, which may have cost Blake a few percentage points.

Birmingham is the largest city in Alabama, with a population of about 270,000.

Blake's district has a population of about 30,000.

Voter turnout was only 28 percent, but Blake received 1,822 votes, while the second place finisher, Virginia Volker, got 1,704. A third candidate received 1,403 votes. The run-off election should be a matter of "getting out the vote."

Blake's opponent is a liberal Democrat, and Blake feels there is a clear distinction between the two candidates. The Blake campaign has been well financed to this point, but with the run-off election, more money will have to be spent to assure victory.

For more information or to offer assistance, write Blake for City Council, P.O. Box 2145, Birmingham, AL 35201, or call 205-870-3343.

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Wisconsin, organizing a pilot database project for the Republican National Committee. The program included creating computerized records of every registered voter in the state. Those records were then enhanced with demographic and opinion data to make them useful in campaigning and fundraising.

During 1985, while serving as state chair of Wisconsin's young Republicans, Cisewski led the group in a more libertarian direction. That included a party platform calling for re-legalization of drugs to end violence associated with the Drug War. Prior to his activity in Wisconsin, Cisewski served as a GOP county chair in northern Michigan and as a precinct and senate district chair in northern Minnesota. From 1979-81 he held the elective office of city commissioner in Ironwood, MI.

Cisewski got his start in politics when he was 16 years old, serving as chairman of the bicentennial commission in Bemidji, MN.

"Libertarian seeds were planted in my mind while I organized the celebration of our Declaration of Independence," said Cisewski, adding, "I made my change to the Libertarian Party because I was tired of compromising. I've always had libertarian beliefs, but compromise is the reason right-wing fundamentalists captured that party. The Libertarian Party is the only answer to the problems facing our country today."

Cisewski, 36, was born in Ironwood, MI. He attended college in Minnesota and Wis-

consin and has been active in his communities, serving on the boards of two theater guilds among other activities.

"I'm a Libertarian who puts time and money where my mouth is," said Cisewski. "I believe in community theater, but not taxpayer subsidies and control over the arts. So I gave part of my time and talent to help these organizations develop marketing plans generating private revenue sources." While on the Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild board, Cisewski's efforts were responsible for a 20 percent membership growth in one year, raising more money than ever before in that organization's history.

Cisewski says he is excited about the challenges and opportunities facing him at the national office. "The time is right for our growth. If everybody pitches in, there's no stopping us."

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A look at the effects of proposed health care reform

Cliches and uninformed statements are easy to dismiss as senseless prescriptions from political outcasts and fringe ideologues. Libertarian advocates—be they candidates, state officers, speakers, pamphlet writers, or other spokespersons—may gain credibility for Libertarian ideas by presenting facts and quoting expert opinion that bolster LP positions. This column will provide the ammunition you can use to confound the skeptics and impress those searching for answers by citing mainstream publications and recognized opinion leaders (for and against individual liberty). Send in your submissions, with a clipping to verify the statement and the source, for inclusion in future issues of the NEWS.

President Clinton deserves praise for bringing health care reform before the American people in a way sure to inspire debate. He deserves no praise for the plan cobbled together by Mrs. Clinton and her team of advisers. The plan, as presented to Congress, is thoroughly statist and will—in time—destroy the world's best health care system. Most commentators agree that the final legislation will be less draconian than the Clintons have proposed. However, as history has amply demonstrated, the hob-nailed boot of government will be in the door and it will be extremely difficult to ever have it take a step back. Indeed, most of the counter-plans proposed by moderate Democrats and conservative Republicans approvingly include big-government controls and regulations that would have sickened JFK and Barry Goldwater in their day.

Libertarians cannot afford to sit out this debate as it unfolds over the next year. Someone has to stick up for individual rights and sensible policies. Someone has to demonstrate that the real problems with



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Dave Walter
Editor

health care have causes unlikely to be solved (and, in fact, will be exacerbated) by more government intervention. Someone has to be able to stand among the wreckage and tell the bewildered public, "I told you so," when our worst fears come true. Anticipating that that "someone" will be the Libertarians, these quotes should prove helpful to making our case.

Issue: Health care reform

"Some 83 percent of Americans have public or private (health) insurance or both, including the genuinely poor; 24 million of them have Medicaid... It turns out that half of the uninsured go without coverage for less than five months, and 70 percent for less than nine months. Among the uninsured capable of or willing to work, three-quarters reacquire coverage within a year. Amazingly, this figure holds for both full-and part-time workers." (Study for the Urban Institute by Katherine Swartz and Timothy McBride.)

"Nearly half (of the uninsured) have household incomes above \$20,000 and 17 percent (6.2 million people) earn more than \$40,000, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute."

If you believe that patients spending their own money, instead of their employer's (through health insurance) keep the costs down—thus pointing the way to one solution to the high cost of health care—this fact may help prove your point: "As patients (the self-insured)... on average... spend \$711 a year on medical services, or less

than half what people spend when company health insurance is paying the freight, according to actuarial accountants Milliman & Robertson. What makes this \$711 figure even more impressive is that it includes the \$10 billion a year in 'uncompensated care' that hospitals are stuck providing to people without insurance."

"Mr. Clinton goes around quoting FDR and claiming that the times call for 'bold, persistent experimentation.' But this is not the Great Depression and America isn't running off a cliff. Despite all the media hoopla and hand-wringing in various medical journals, we think a very strong case can be made that smaller-scale experimentation and innovation would be more apt. How about medical IRAs, Medicaid vouchers, and loosening up state mandates that force companies to goldplate their health benefits? Each of these would help to lure more folks under the insurance umbrella and trim demand for uncompensated care."

Wall Street Journal editorial, April 15, 1993.

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"The only way to convince rational people to use fewer health-care services is to give them a positive monetary incentive for doing so. That means, in essence, getting to keep some of the money saved by using less health care."

A typical health care bank would see one's employer depositing \$3,000 per year. "Some portion, probably about \$1,000 per year, would be used to purchase catastrophic health-care insurance with a large deductible, perhaps \$5,000. The remaining \$2,000 could then be used to purchase other medical insurance, used to pay medical bills directly, or saved for future medical costs. Health care providers who are paid directly would be encouraged to charge a lower price because they would not be burdened by third-party paperwork. Even more important, because individuals would get to save part of the money, they would not purchase unnecessary health-care services. Finally, at the time of death, the money accumulated over a lifetime could be passed on to one's heirs... (and consumers would be more inclined to ques-

tion doctors who order unnecessary tests."

Another feature of such a plan would, "in order to put the doctor's mind at ease... offer two classes of insurance, one which waives the right to sue for malpractice. For patients choosing that option, doctors would not be so quick to order unnecessary tests. Since the consumer would be saving his own money, most would choose the lower-cost option."

Dr. Michael K. Evans, president, Evans Economics Inc., IndustryWeek, June 7, 1993.

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"Most of those without health insurance are under 30, and nearly 4 million have incomes of \$50,000 a year and up. Meanwhile, two-thirds of people earning between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year have health insurance. Different people simply make different choices. If you are sick or injured, and don't have a dime to your name, you are still not going to be left to die without medical care. Hospitals all over the country lose millions of dollars every year taking care of people who cannot pay or do not pay. This plain and simple fact may have a lot to do with millions of people choosing not to buy health insurance. They know that they are going to get taken care of anyway, one way or another. People make choices, but concepts like choice and personal responsibility are anathema to those pushing for more and bigger government programs to save the fools from the knaves and the irresponsible from themselves. Anyone without health insurance, or without 'adequate' health insurance as defined by others, is automatically assumed to be unable to afford it and to be without 'access' to medical care as a result."

Dr. Thomas Sowell, economist and senior fellow, Hoover Institute, Stanford, CA. Forbes, June 21, 1993.

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From an interview by Janet Novack of John C. Goodman and Merrill Matthews, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas:

Goodman: "On average only 20 cents of each dollar comes directly out of patients' own pockets... (A)s long as medical care appears to be free, there will be an unlimited demand for it."

Matthews: "To help individuals make intelligent decisions, there will be an explosion of consumer information."

Goodman: "Right now, it's impossible to find out before entering a hospital what a minor surgical procedure will cost. The exception is cosmetic surgery, where people are paying with their own money

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and doctors offer an advance price covering everything—doctor, nurse, anesthesiologist, hospital room . . . that sort of packaging will become available for other procedures, too, when the consumer is paying."

Matthews: "We support tort reform. But part of the (malpractice) problem is the physician has become a stranger at the bedside. Many patients don't trust their physicians. Once the physician and consumer start working as partners again, I believe some of the malpractice litigation will diminish."

Matthews: "The real problem is that the market today is dominated by large bureaucratic institutions that keep normal market forces from operating. The market can never work until control is returned to the hands of patients."

Interview in Forbes, June 21, 1993.

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On features of the German health system that must not be mimicked: "(O)ne should avoid from the beginning what in our system has led to the present calamity: A feeling of security is okay, but you must also know that you must contribute to it yourself. The responsibility of the individual for his own health must be built into the system from the beginning. We did not do this."

Dr. Lilo Schon of the Hartmanbund (an association of German doctors), Insight, June 28, 1993.

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"Certainly in terms of coverage, (Dr. Leroy L.) Schwartz (of Health Policy International, Princeton, NJ) argues . . . one should be careful about rushing to change a system that has consistently produced the most advanced medical care in the world, the most pharmaceutical innovations, and the most Nobel Prize winners. The secret of all this lies in the U.S. system's pluralistic, competitive character: Whereas Europeans have one system, Americans have choices in the way medicine is practiced. The question is whether they want to reduce it to one common denominator. Rather than dismantling a system that serves the majority of Americans well, Schwartz says a better way to bring down costs would be to look for solutions to social ills elsewhere—in other words, to try to influence behavior rather than treat its consequences. Drinking, gambling, drug use, violence—all have come to be viewed as health care problems, which they are not. 'We have to demedicalize a lot of things that we have medicalized (that) are not medical problems,' says Schwartz."

Henrik Bering-Jensen, writer, Insight, June 28, 1993.

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Another view on the single-payer Canadian plan, pushed by Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-MN):

"According to a recent study reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, nearly one-third of Canada's doctors have sent patients outside the country for treatment during the past five years. About 10

percent of all British Columbia residents requiring cancer treatment have been sent to the U.S."

"According to the April issue of 'Fraser (Institute) Forum,' dogs at York Central Hospital in metropolitan Toronto were able to get CAT scans immediately while humans were put on a waiting list. The reason? Canadian patients are not allowed to pay for CAT scans, and the procedure costs too much to operate more than a few hours a day for non-paying customers. Dog owners, on the other hand, were permitted to pay to use it."

"According to a recent poll by the Ontario Medical Association, 70 percent of the doctors in Ontario are very pessimistic about the near future of their profession; 50 percent of them have seriously considered relocating to the U.S. (A) large number of prominent Canadian academic physicians have already voted with their feet. . . (T)here are so many Canadian physicians in the Dallas area that they have considered starting their own organization."

"(D)ctors in Winnipeg actually walked out on strike to demand improvements in wages and working conditions. They earned an average wage of C\$50,000 a year, which is less than the salary of the Premier's press secretary."

"Basic economics tells us that the law of supply and demand cannot be broken by the limited number of government (or HMO) managers who must make decisions for a nearly infinite number of individual citizens each time they have a new health care problem. Thus, under national

health insurance, we can expect the continuing escalation of costs, a massive government bureaucracy micro-managing every aspect of health care to the least common denominator, rationing and denial of care, the loss of civil liberties and freedom of choice by both patient and doctor, massive increases in taxation, and possibly even doctor strikes."

Dr. Jerome C. Arnett Jr., practicing physician in West Virginia, with assistance from Dr. William Goodman, a Toronto physician; Wall Street Journal, Aug. 6, 1993.

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From a report issued by the Premier's Council on Health in Ontario, claiming that user fees are NOT the answer to cutting out waste in the health care system: "Estimates of inappropriate use of the system generated by physicians range as high as 30 to 40 percent." With outright health insurance fraud in Ontario approaching C\$1 billion, according to a special report in the *Boston Globe*—including double-billing of birth delivery services and possibly hundreds of thousands of Americans crossing over the border and using phony health cards—it is difficult to see why imposing more of the costs on the users wouldn't—at the margins at least—cut down on this 30 percent to 40 percent "inappropriate use."

Reported by Rod Mickleburgh, health policy reporter, The Globe and Mail, Sept. 10, 1993.

[More on health care reform coming up in future issues.]

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What the Libertarian Party says . . .

The new \$700 billion health plan proposed by President Bill Clinton is "a technocratic, bureaucratic dream come true, and is about as bad as it can possibly get," said Dr. Henry N. Butler, the Shadow Cabinet Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Libertarian Party.

"It is an unprecedented takeover of one-seventh of the U.S. economy. It is total micro-management of the health care system. It will create bloated bureaucracies, stifling any meaningful competition and lead to either higher medical expenditures, or lower quality, or both," he said.

"It's also budgetary fraud, and totally unreal," he said. "The numbers just don't add up. The bottom line is that it is a huge leap of faith to assert that government control will lead to lower health care costs."

Butler is a professor of law and economics at the University of Kansas Schools of Law and Business, with special focus on health care policy and government regulation. He is the co-author of "Health Policy Reform: Competition and Controls" (1993).

Butler said Clinton's proposal will result in the massive politicization of health care, with lobbyists, legislators, bureaucrats, and consumers desperately battling for benefits and privileges.

"This is a radical and ill-conceived plan. It will turn one-seventh of the U.S. economy into one big interest group free-for-all," he said. "It will force competition out of the health care market and into the only place left for competition—the political marketplace."

The real losers in this battle, he said, will be consumers. "In general, we should never underestimate the creativity and entrepreneurship of special interest groups, politicians, and bureaucrats to exploit every conceivable opportunity for profit created by health care reform. The consumers will end up paying the price, and Clinton is naive if he thinks otherwise."

"Government control of health care has failed everywhere else," said Butler. "Western European countries have learned their lesson, and are trying to figure out how to dismantle their systems. Clinton's proposal bucks the trend of the rest of the world. For him to think he can do better is pure arrogance."

Butler said Clinton's plan will fail because it doesn't solve the real problem.

"It will do nothing to address the underlying inefficiencies and perverse incentives that have caused the explosion of expenditures—many of which are the result of ill-conceived federal and state policies that have priced workers out of the market for health insurance," he said.

"The explosion of health care costs is not the result of market failure, but is rather the direct result of major government-imposed distortions of basic market forces. For years, government policies have subsidized demand through tax incentives and restricted supply through licensing restrictions. The combined effect of these distortions is unambiguous—higher prices," he said.

Butler said he favors the "Medical Savings Account" proposal, which gives consumers real choices, and uses market forces, not government fiat, to control costs.

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The Libertarian Party is 100 percent opposed to the Clinton health plan, or any similar Republican or Democratic plan to increase government control over the medical industry, announced Steve Dasbach, national chair of the party.

"Two-hundred years ago, doctors would apply leeches to sick people in a misguided effort to cure them. The health plan proposed by President Bill Clinton is the modern political equivalent of that practice. But, like leeches, more government control will merely cause our health care system to further deteriorate," said Dasbach.

"In 1992, more than 3.7 million votes were cast for Libertarian candidates. I urge every one of those voters to work to defeat this proposal, and to campaign for a genuine free market in health care," he said.

Dasbach said that Clinton's claim that government can fix all our health care problems is folly.

"Americans spend 14 percent of the Gross Domestic Product on health care. By comparison, the government consumes more than 40 percent of the GDP. So which one is really out of control and in desperate need of repair—health care or the government?" he asked.

"Clinton's plan will cost \$700 billion, will drain away at least one million jobs, and reduce consumer choice," he said. "It will put faceless bureaucrats in charge of your family's health, and make our health care system worse. But health care is too important to be left in the hands of government bureaucrats."

Dasbach said Republicans and Democrats in Washington are collaborating on the government takeover of the nation's health care system.

"The Democrats and Republicans are ganging up to force America to swallow the bitter pill of health care 'reform,'" he said. "Both would pile major, new burdensome regulations on small businesses and the health care industry, drive up costs, and lower the quality of medicine."

To solve the health care crisis, Dasbach said Libertarians advocate:

- Tax-free medical savings accounts, and 100 percent tax deductibility of medical expenses, to make health care costs less burdensome while giving more control to the individual.

- Lifting the government ban on medical advertising, which makes it more difficult for consumers to make price comparisons.

- Ending government harassment of alternative medical practitioners, such as mid-wives, and ending government-sponsored licensing monopolies, which would provide cheaper health care alternatives for millions of Americans.

- Eliminating onerous FDA drug approval procedures, which add \$200 million to the price of each new drug on the market.

- Dollar-for-dollar tax credits for any individual or group providing or paying for health care services to the needy.

The preceding comments are excerpts from news releases issued by the Libertarian Party, 1528 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003.

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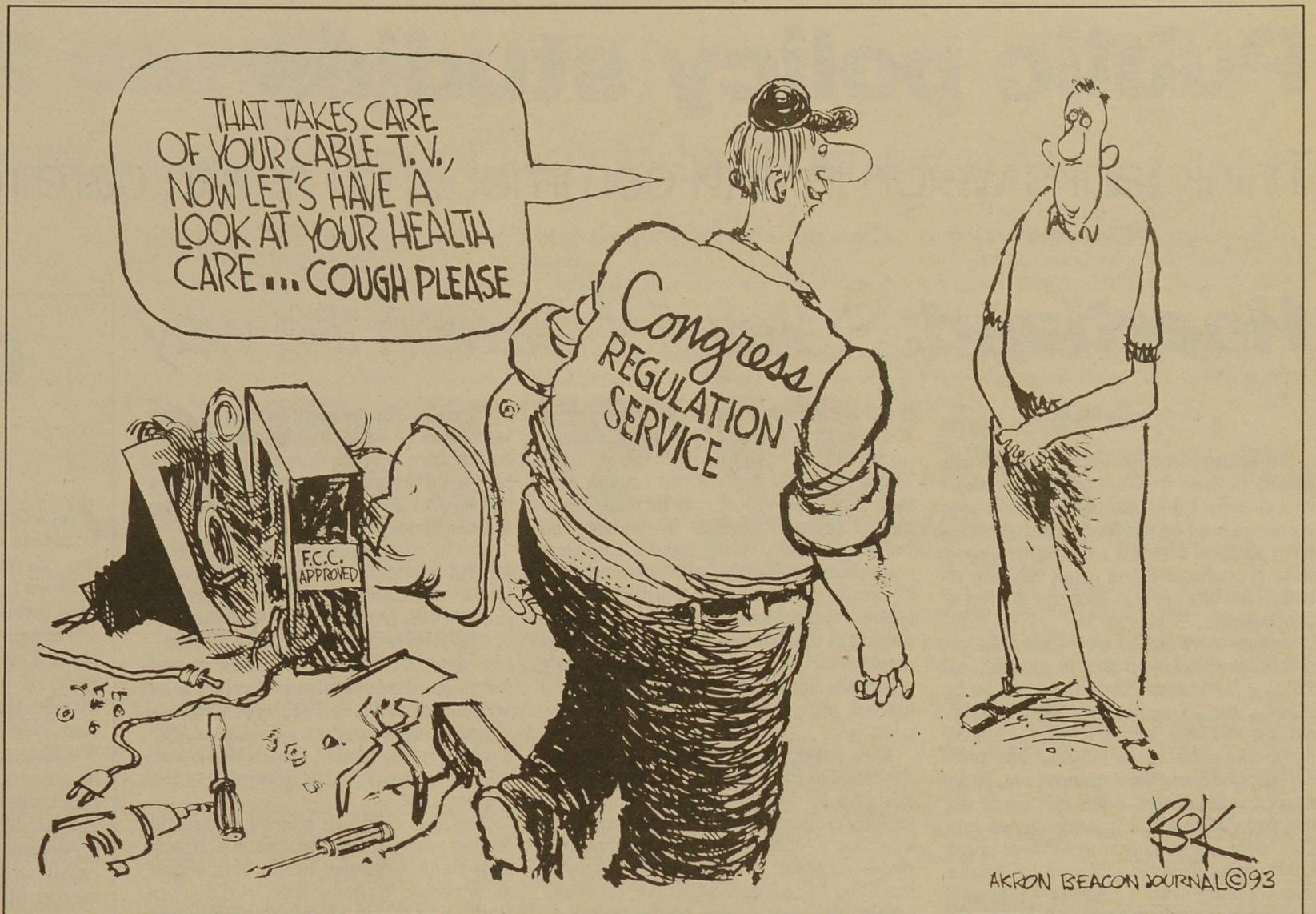
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also want to know whether "the right thing" will also work. Fortunately, God has created a universe where morality actually works, especially in the prosaic world of economics. So, we can feel confident that "the right thing to do" is also "the smart thing to do."

One of the fundamental causes of expensive health care is that GOVERNMENT PROHIBITS REAL COMPETITION. Almost every other problem is an effect of this cause. There are other important causes, like government regulation of employee benefits, tax laws, and, of course, government subsidies that jack up prices (via Medicare, etc.), but the lack of competition is easiest for people to communicate, so let's focus on this angle.

Contrary to popular wisdom, we already have government-controlled health care and are only superficially a "market" system. Sweeping regulations benefit the politically-connected players in each industry at the expense of competitors and, therefore, consumers. Usually that means the largest organizations. They have PACs and staffs of lobbyists and lawyers actually clamoring for these regulations, even drafting them (of course, "in the consumers' interest"). Why? Because the same regulations that may pinch them, crush their smaller competitors who don't have the staff or resources to comply with the regulations. And Democrat and Republican politicians alike are equally guilty for enabling this, which is why politicians don't dare articulate this problem. It goes on in every industry! It's how business is done in our mixed (-up) economy. Subsidies and regulations...

We need to repeal these anti-competitive regulations, because only a real free market can make health care affordable and top-notch. And for the indigent, charity would be able to cover much more than it already does, both in insurance and in charity hospitals.

There are three main areas of health policy reform that free-market think tanks have focused on:

1) Doctors. The government enforces the American Medical Association monopoly. In some states midwifery is illegal. In some states dental hygienists can't go into business on their own, without a dentist in the office. This reduces the supply of practitioners and jacks up the price of the licensees. The government should repeal licensing laws and allow private certifying boards, like the AMA, to certify their members. Your insurance plan and hospital would decide which certifying boards to respect, quickly establishing

industry standards, but you could still choose someone else if you really wanted unorthodox treatments. The resulting competition would reduce prices and reduce the number of quacks protected by the AMA, too.

2) Insurance. Every state government enforces an insurance cartel via the state "insurance commissioner (IC)." Most people think the IC keeps rates "fair." Not so. He is there to protect the established insurance companies from smaller innovative competitors who might beat them in price or service. For example, they must provide the same basic coverage as the big companies. They are not allowed to sell insurance that covers only certain health needs, at a cheaper price. A wide variety of potential choices in price and coverage of insurance plans has been outlawed. We should legalize competition in insurance and restrict the IC to policing contract fraud (on the part of companies and consumers).

3) Medicine. The FDA enforces a pharmaceutical cartel by dictating what medicines can be sold and by whom. They determine which pharmaceutical companies may bring which drug to market. It's a very expensive, very politicized, and very unscientific process. Politically well-connected companies do well. In return for the expensive, if useless, tests that the FDA requires, they are protected from competitors (like vitamins, supplements, other companies' pharmaceuticals awaiting approval, etc.).

The FDA should be in the business of policing fraudulent claims, not dictating what you can put into your body, or who can sell it to you. Instead, the FDA kills millions of patients each year by preventing newer, safer alternatives from coming to market.

IF ALL ELSE FAILS . . .

Scare them with reality. Take them on a visit to a Veterans' Administration hospital. That is pure government health care in action, and it is plagued with all the inevitable problems of a government monopoly: rationing, lousy service, shortages, burned-out staff, terrible conditions, and little concern for their customers.

Remind them of all the other failed government schemes: public schools, welfare, Social Security. And leave them with this pithy quote: "Government health care will combine the quality of public schools, the compassion of the IRS, and the frugality of the Pentagon."

Public policy studies

Think tanks weigh in with comments on health care reform

Heartland: States not leading the way

By CONRAD MEIER

Americans worried about the cost and quality of their health care have waited a long time for the Clinton Administration to put its plan on the table. So far, two states have stepped forward with plans of their own. Examining these plans can give us some idea of what lies ahead for the rest of the nation.

Oregon recently adopted a plan that expands Medicaid insurance to an additional 120,000 low-income Oregon residents, by eliminating 120 treatments from the original list of 688 covered services. Among those eliminated are treatment for terminal cancer, AIDS, and the common cold. There remain unanswered questions about the missing 120 medical treatments and how they were negotiated away in favor of global budgets. It is also difficult to imagine that someone with a cold must wait until the onset of pneumonia to get "medically approved" care.

At the same time and on the other coast, the Florida legislature passed the most sweeping health care reform plan ever tried in the United States. The overhaul is significantly similar to the Clinton systems of managed competition, global budgets, and organized networks of doctors and hospitals.

The Florida legislature has created 11 "Community Health Purchasing Alliances"—gigantic HMOs with all the advantages and disadvantages HMOs have to offer. If you are one of the 2.5 million "uninsured" in Florida, access to this arrangement represents an improvement. But

if you are already insured and your doctor is not in the "alliance," you must change doctors if you wish to access the alliance. Those currently insured can remain with their own plans but will pay increased premiums due to statewide "community rating." Community rating means insurance companies in Florida will no longer be allowed to set premiums according to occupational hazards or the consequences of unhealthy lifestyle choices. An overweight smoker will pay the same premium as a physically fit aerobics instructor; a school teacher pays the same as a crop-duster pilot.

One distinct feature of the plan is that the State of Florida will pay doctors and hospitals to discourage them from overtreating patients. But rather than create an incentive to curb overuse of medical services, the result is likely to be a financial incentive to "undertreat." Like its HMO cousin, the new health networks get to keep whatever money they save by withholding care.

Whether the plan under consideration is Oregon's, Florida's, or something similar at a national level, three things are clear:

1) "Managed competition" means higher taxes. Officials in both Oregon and Florida admit they cannot predict how much their proposals will cost. One element of the Clinton proposal alone will carry a price tag of some \$70 billion. At a time when everyone rightly bemoans the high cost of health care, government officials are proposing "reforms" that cost more, not less!

2) Creating large networks of doctors and more levels of regulation creates more

of the micro-management and bureaucracy we should be trying to eliminate from the health care system. More people being paid to do things only barely related to the delivery of basic health care will waste billions of dollars more.

3) The national task force timetable for federal reform is one that would have all states implementing managed competition in 1996, with everyone insured by the close of 1997. But neither Oregon nor Florida—two states furthest along in their own efforts—can have its plan properly funded and fully running by 1995, and a national shortage of primary care physicians makes it virtually impossible that HMO enrollments can rise as fast as reform advocates predict.

And one thing we learned before the testing even started: Two-thirds of Americans think a national health plan should allow people to choose their own doctors. Both Oregon and Florida flunk this test, and it seems like the Clinton plan will flunk as well.

Policy makers would do well to go back to their drawing boards on health care reform. Americans want lower spending, less administrative waste, and maximum choice. Elected officials who can deliver these goods will earn the nation's respect and support.

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Cato: Ditto

As it debates reforms in health care, Congress would do well to learn from the mistakes of the states, argues Michael Tanner in a new study from the Cato Institute.

Tanner, Cato's director of health and welfare studies, examines the experience of nine states—Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington—that have implemented or proposed health care reforms and concludes that those reforms can have undesirable consequences: insurance premiums increase; access to health care is not improved; jobs are lost; spending on Medicaid goes up; insurance companies leave the market; and, medical care is explicitly rationed.

Tanner shows how inequities in federal tax law are at the root of our current problems and proposes changes that would return choices about health care to the patient.

"Laboratory Failure: States Are No Model for Health Care Reform" is number 197 in the Policy Analysis series published by the Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001. A copy of the study is available for \$4 from Cato.

Heartland: When is health care really necessary?

By PAUL A. HEIN JR., M.D.

"Access to health care," some readers may be surprised to learn, has become a national obsession only recently. In our grandparents' day, people got sick, and if they were sick enough long enough, they went to the doctor. If they remained sick, or got sicker, they went to the hospital. If they were sufficiently sick, they died.

Today, we expect "health care" the moment we feel sick, or even before we get sick! We go to hospitals more frequently and expect them to do more for us. Most of us expect to die in a hospital while doctors do everything within their power to keep us alive.

Today, health care is almost invariably considered a basic necessity. This transformation has taken place largely through cultural indoctrination. Americans, who would put health care high on their list of necessities, would also include such things as education, exposure to the arts, automo-

bile ownership, and time for recreation. All of these things are important, in their own way. But they are on our lists of "necessities" largely because we have been taught to think of them that way.

Which would pose a greater threat to your health and happiness: six months without doctors, or six months without garbage men? When garbage collectors go on strike, the possibility of an outbreak of disease rises as garbage festers on the streets. On the other hand, if the average American went six months without seeing a doctor (as, in fact, the great majority of us do), it is unlikely that his or her health would suffer, or that anyone would express concern about it. Yet "health care" is near the top of everyone's list of necessities; "garbage collection" is probably not on the list at all.

Health care is not such a big deal. Most of us get along without it for long periods. And when we do make use of it, that use often constitutes a luxury more than a necessity. What percentage of hospitalized

patients are in danger of death? How many visits to doctors' offices are made by people who are gravely ill?

As third parties paid more and more of our health care bills, rising from just 10 percent in 1930 to 85 percent in 1990, our demand for health care has increased. Just as one could acquire a taste for caviar if its cost were subsidized, so have Americans acquired a taste for health care when its cost has been subsidized. The result is a steady rise in spending that only will be steepened by the government's efforts to create even more "access to health care."

To the extent that the price of caviar is a problem, the solution is simple: Don't buy it. The same solution is never proposed for health care, but why not? Granted, you have to see the doctor if you break your hip or become so short of breath that you cannot function. But do you really need medical care for the sniffles, or a sore throat? Some of the effort now being exerted to make "health care" universal might be better expended to establish in individu-

als some sense of medical priority.

Our grandparents got sick and died. So will we. But in many cases, our deaths will follow prolonged and enormously expensive medical exertions. Perhaps a wealthy society such as ours regards sickness and death as the ultimate disasters to be avoided, or at least postponed, as long as possible, at whatever cost. If that is our belief, the present system should suit us just fine.

But if we truly wish to do something about what is perceived as the inordinate cost of health care, perhaps we should retrace our path to step one, and make sure that step is in the right direction. To place health care high on our list of life's necessities is to guarantee its high and rising costs.

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Smart card?

Clinton's health security card: Don't leave home with it

By **BILL EVERS**

When Bill Clinton proposed his national health care plan on Sept. 22, he held up to the television viewing audience his administration's new Health Security Card. It is patriotic: red-white-and-blue, star-spangled, emblazoned with a Great Seal of the U. S. government. Your name and your ID number (probably your Social Security number) will appear on the front. Though it looks like a credit card, it's an interactive smart card.

Clinton health care adviser Ira Magaziner has promised that whatever health plan Congress enacts, it will include a smart card. Don't think this high-tech intrusiveness is unique to Democrats, the Bush Administration also had a never-enacted 1992 legislative proposal for a medical billing system with smart cards.

Smart cards come in several forms. One sort of card has inside it a microprocessor and memory chip. It is a very small computer wrapped in a credit-card-style package. Another kind of smart card contains an optical recording stripe, again encapsulated in a credit-card format. Both can contain massive amounts of information. A smart card is a portable personal data base.

People with the right equipment can read this information or change it.

With cradle-to-grave health security, you the citizen get cradle-to-grave privacy insecurity. We know what government officials say: "We're from the government, and we're here to help you." But can we trust these people with our medical histories or whatever else they decide to load into these smart cards?

The government currently leaks like a sieve. Some government employees treat government-held information like a treasure trove. In recent years, law enforcement agencies have cited people from state and local police departments, the FBI, the Social Security Administration, and the IRS for stealing information and selling it to information brokers, credit bureaus, and skip tracers or for inquisitively prying into the files of neighbors and celebrities.

Can we count on medical records (psychiatric visits, sexually transmitted diseases, abortions, genetic make-up, drug and alcohol history) staying private? Look what happened to tennis champion Arthur Ashe. He was sick with AIDS, but he did not want to make his illness public. Yet the word got out. With even more people having access to information via smart cards than currently do, both the average person

and people like Arthur Ashe don't stand a chance.

National policy currently forbids using the Health Security ID number to tie together health information in government hands with information in tax records or Social Security records or elsewhere. But can we trust government officials to resist temptation?

What about a case like the following: On May 6, 1992, armed sheriff's deputies and federal agents raided Dr. Jonathan Wright's clinic in Tacoma, Washington. As part of his practice of alternative medicine, Dr. Wright prescribed mineral and vitamin supplements to patients who came to him from across America. The Food and Drug Administration believes that the supplements were not made according to the FDA's rules. How private will the records of Dr. Wright's patients be in this case? With the coming of smart cards, can we now look forward to seeing the federal government use computer technology to systematically crush alternative medicine?

Can I as a health care consumer be sure that the information on my card is correct? Can I as a taxpayer be sure that other people have not altered their cards in order to fraudulently obtain services and drugs? Can we as citizens be confident this smart

card won't be turned into a national ID card—to be produced on demand for all government agencies? The risk of abuse is too great.

All lovers of individual liberty and all defenders of personal privacy must unite to block implementation of the health smart card.

Suggestions:

1. Call (202-456-1111) or write the White House (President Bill Clinton, The White House, Washington, DC 20500) to protest. The President's CompuServe address is 75300,3115.

2. Call (202-224-3121) or write your U.S. Senator (Hon. [name], U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510) or U.S. Representative (Hon. [name], U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515) to protest.

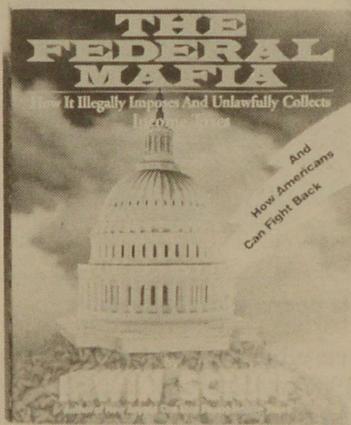
3. Notify the news media and then burn enlarged replicas of the Health Security Card (a picture appears in the *New York Times*, Sept. 23, 1993) in front of your local Social Security office or other local federal building.

Bill Evers is a political scientist who works at Stanford University. He is a member of the Libertarian National Committee.

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New Hampshire boasts a delegation of four Libertarian state representatives, a newly appointed Libertarian liquor commissioner, and major party status equal with Democrats and Republicans. NH Libertarians have been front page news in virtually every major newspaper in the state.

Each state affiliate party benefits from the credibility New Hampshire has established and the publicity New Hampshire generates. We need your help to keep the momentum going. We must elect at least four state reps in 1994. (Our goal is to at least double that number!)

Most importantly, we *must* maintain our ballot status, which means capturing required vote minimums in the '94 gubernatorial race. The '94 political races begin in only a few short months. We need to start now to seek out candidates, revamp our outreach materials, and expand our base of state party members.

It's *critical* that you take action now. Every state will benefit if the LPNH continues to expand. Every state will be set back if we lose our foothold here.

This is an exciting time in New Hampshire. What can you do to be a part of it? Become a member of the LPNH. Or subscribe to Libertarian Lines, the LPNH monthly newsletter. Or send a contribution to the address below. But do it today. Your state also benefits when you give to the Libertarian Party in New Hampshire.

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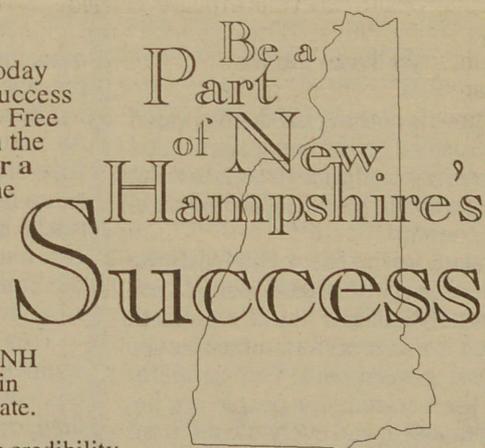
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A call to pens (and phones, faxes, etc.)

By DIEDRE DENNIS

**"Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write."
— John Adams, 1787**

Remember the cut that the House made in Selective Service's budget? The Senate reversed it.

However, all is not lost. The appropriations bill that includes Selective Service's budget will now go to the conference committee made up of both representatives and senators. This committee's job is to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

Since veterans' groups seem uninterested and the media is generally favorable to the cut, the reduced budget still has a good chance of becoming law. All Libertarians can contact their senators and representatives and urge them to support the reduction in Selective Service's budget. The following congresspersons are on this conference committee, and if you live in one of their districts, your letter or phone call can

be especially influential. In the House, key legislators are: Stokes (D-OH), Mollohan (D-WV), Lewis (R-CA), and DeLay (R-TX). In the Senate, committee members include: Mikulski (D-MD), Leahy (D-VT), Gramm (R-TX), and D'Amato (R-NY). For those who live in one of the states mentioned above, write your congressperson even if they don't live in your district, because they may have political ambitions that make them sensitive to statewide opinions.

In your communication, you may want to remind these legislators that you are chafing under the new taxes and feel that Selective Service's budget is an insult to overburdened taxpayers like yourself.

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Congress has recently turned its eyes to that offensive scourge to liberty we know as "asset forfeiture." Its ill effects have been getting a lot of negative press lately so you probably already know that it allows officials to "confiscate" property from anyone at any time without charging the owner of the property with a crime. Officials need only have "probable cause" that the property (not the owner) was involved in a crime. To get the property back takes more



resources than many people are left with. Although the Supreme Court has taken positive steps to relieve us of this atrocity, its foul pestilence continues to infest law enforcement practices.

Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) has recently introduced the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act, HR 2417. While this act doesn't end asset forfeiture, it does severely restrict it. First, the burden of proof is raised to "clear and convincing evidence." Additionally, victims are given access to public defense if they are unable to afford their own. That's fairly important considering the government can take everything a person has. This bill forces the government to return "guilty property" to innocent owners, that is, those who took reasonable steps to prevent the illegal use. It elimi-

nates the requirement that owners pay a 10 percent "cost bond" before they can appeal. Claimants are allowed 60 days, rather than 10, to appeal the seizure. And HR 2417 waives the nauseating "sovereign immunity" that has allowed the government to damage innocent citizens' property in the government's possession until the case is completed.

The bill is new. At this stage, co-sponsors from any part of the country are needed. Contact your representatives and ask them whether they have co-sponsored this bill. If they haven't, urge them to do so. If they have, urge them to contact the membership of the Crime and Criminal Justice Subcommittee and the Trade Subcommittee. These two committees are currently considering the bill. LP members in the following states can have a lot of impact since their states are represented on the above committees: CA, CT, FL, IL, KS, KY, MA, MI, MN, NE, NM, NY, OH, PA, TN, TX, VA, and WI.

For more information about asset forfeiture, write FEAR (Forfeiture Endangers American Rights), P.O. Box 5424, Somerset, NJ 08875-5424, or call 908-873-1251.

Close encounters: Libertarian has run-in with feds over dinosaur

By TERRY WENTZ

There is nothing like being raided by 35 armed government agents and a dozen national guard troops to wake up a person to the need for reform in this country.

I work for the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research, a small, scientifically-inclined fossil company, which is under serious attack by the federal government. Our property has been seized, our people are being harassed, and every museum we have ever worked with has been or is being questioned—all in the name of science and the "public good."

This move by a small group of academics and the bureaucratic land

management personnel to socialize the science of paleontology is costing literally millions of tax dollars. As I write this, there are six U.S. federal agents questioning our museum customers in Japan. They already have talked with all of our U.S. museum customers, including the Smithsonian. You can imagine what this does to our reputation.

This is a concerted effort by government personnel to put us out of business, without a charge being filed or a chance to defend ourselves in a court of law. The first raid occurred more than 15 months ago, and the "ongoing criminal investigation" is now entering its fourth year.



T. REX - Terry Wentz poses with Sue's skull.

During these dark days, the Libertarian Party has been there with us. Gus Hercules, South Dakota LP chair, called the day after the initial raid to lend help and support. Gus invited me to the Libertarian Party national convention where I told of our plight and met with Nancy Lord, the LP's 1992 vice presidential candidate.

Gus, the 1992 LP Senate candidate, and Bob Newland, the 1992 LP U.S. House candidate, have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with me during marches on the state capitol, have made important, informed observations about our case to the press, and have been true friends in liberty throughout this terrible ordeal. The LP, through Nancy Lord, wrote a "friend of the court" brief on our behalf that was filed in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

There is now a bill ready for introduction in Congress concerning open access for the public and is opposed to the restrictive stance taken by government agencies to ban people from public land. It is important to take action now. Call and ask your representatives to support and sign on to the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 1993.

Moral support is important, but the personal, strategic, and active participation of members of the Libertarian Party have taken our fight for individual liberty and justice into the streets, into the press, and into the hearts and minds of people in our communities. This is politics in action—this is the Libertarian Party at work!

Terry Wentz, a Libertarian, is employed by the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in Hill City, SD.

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If you have had a personal confrontation with a government agency and want to tell your story, contact the NEWS.

Sue's story: Black days in the Black Hills

By DAVID A. BURNHAM

In 1990, Susan Hendrickson discovered a set of bones eroding out of a hillside on a ranch near Faith, SD. The find was identified as a Tyrannosaurus rex, and the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research, Inc. was given permission to excavate and remove the skeleton for a fee of \$5,000. After two weeks of picking and shoveling to remove the top of the hill in order to reach the fossil, the skull was finally revealed along with over 90 percent of the skeleton. Subsequently, this specimen was

found to be the largest, most complete, and best preserved Tyrannosaurus rex ever found. This dinosaur was named Sue in honor of her discoverer and donated to the non-profit Black Hills Museum of Natural History in Hill City, SD.

After 2,000 hours of labor, Sue's virtually intact, beautifully preserved skull was ready to be shipped to NASA for CAT-scanning. This would have allowed scientists to look inside a T. rex skull for the first time and reveal data about brain size and shape.

Tragedy struck on May 14, 1992, when federal agents, armed with a war-

rant, descended upon Black Hills Institute in an early morning raid and seized Sue. Although no charges have been filed, the acting U.S. attorney who ordered the heavy-handed raid canceled Sue's trip to NASA and proclaimed Sue "the property of the federal government. Period." One of the world's most precious fossils was then hauled off by the national guard and the FBI and entombed in a metal tank in dead storage.

[The federal government claims ownership of the fossil, saying it was found on land the government holds in trust for an Indian rancher on tribal lands.]

On campus

CSU: Chico flies a kite

Manuel Esteban just signed on as the new president of California State University: Chico. He said that he was flabbergasted by the low salary.

The "low salary" is \$115,956 for 205 work days each year. Yes, like many people in academia, he gets five weeks off in summer, spring break, Christmas break, Labor Day, Memorial Day, all the legal holidays, and probably recognition day for The Untenured Professor. That's right, all in all, he works 41 weeks a year, five days a week—a grand total of 205 back-breaking, air-conditioned days.

The chancellor of California State Universities wants to give all 20 university presidents a \$25,000 a year pay raise. University groups at CSU: Chico objected. They asked their university president to stay with the old \$115,956 salary.

Esteban responded, "If you expect me to accept the old salary, you can go fly a kite."

The next day, Chico College Libertarians, along with several other university groups, went out and flew their kites.

Then the Chico College Libertarians issued the following statement to all news media: "We kept our end of the bargain, we flew the kite. We expect President Esteban to keep his end of the bargain: Take the pay cut!"

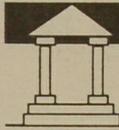
The results of this whirlwind of Libertarian activism? The kite flying was covered by three television stations and three newspapers, an energized campus libertarian group, and dozens of new libertarian contacts.

Chico College Libertarian chairperson Sean Worthington said, "I really learned a lot about doing events, and I am going to use this experience to gain new contacts and more support. We are following through with this, and forming a special non-partisan group to petition signatures against the pay raise."

Chico College Libertarians have proved once again that college activism is more than a matter of principle: It's a whole lotta fun!

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Campus Notes



Marti Stoner

Editor

COIL does its part

The rest of us can do it, too! Cornell Organization for Individual Liberty (COIL) simply returned its completed monthly activity report letting the national Libertarian campus outreach office know what its activities have been and plan to be. If you have not received your master copy of the monthly activity report blank, please call Marti Stoner at 702-631-1655! This form

will keep us updated on the progress of your club and will enable us to help you and others more effectively.

At Cornell University, Jeffrey Ng, COIL president, informs us that discussion group meetings are scheduled for particular topics, the first among those being drug regulations. Plans are in the making to set up and conduct the political survey booth on a regular basis in a major effort to recruit new members and to establish the libertarian presence on campus.

Jeffrey says that on "Sept. 17, we conducted a student poll using the Nolan Chart quizzes and distributed ISIL pamphlets and LP literature provided by nearby libertarian supporter Will Kone."

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Help us help you on campus

We need COACHES, ADVISERS, SPONSORS! We need STATE COLLEGE COORDINATORS! Are you a libertarian alumnus? Are you a libertarian? You can help us help you!

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Letters

Readers comment on health care, matching funds, and more

Health care

Benjamin Franklin is often quoted as having said, "Those who would give up liberty for security will eventually have neither." Well, if the Clinton health care plan is passed, we will have neither.

Freedom, as defined by any libertarian, will be a thing of the past, as will privacy, financial independence, the right to be left alone, and just about any other hope of liberty we may hold dear or aspire to.

So I'm just wondering, does anyone out there know of a small, sparsely populated country that we, as libertarians, could migrate to and create a libertarian nation? It's not that I want to move, but I think we have to face the reality of the situation—the social statist will have won, and we don't have a snowball's chance in Hell of electing a libertarian government in time to stop them.

Jay Steimel
Lincoln, AR

The Pledge - One more time

The Libertarian Party should continue to require an oath of its members. This is a reasonable means of self-definition for the party, and a healthy sign of commitment on the part of the individual.

But we should not blind ourselves to the logical weaknesses of the oath in its present form. It turns on a wonderfully vague word, "initiation." Those who do employ violence never admit that they initiated it. Every act of coercion is self-defense in the eyes of its perpetrator. So our oath excludes nothing, and gets us nowhere.

I have discussed this point at some length with Hans Schroeder, publisher of *The Pragmatist*. Together we have prepared an alternative—what we believe to be a stronger, more precise, and philosophically unassailable statement of the premise of libertarian politics.

It reads as follows: "I hereby certify that I expect to be held liable for any harm I



Staying in touch

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may ever do to another human being, and that I will pay for that harm out of my own productive activity. Furthermore, I intend to hold all others liable for any harm they may do to me. But I make no claim upon the productive activity of anyone else in excess of that liability."

Now that is a pledge I would sign not as an obligation, but as a delight!

Christopher C. Failla
Enfield, CT

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As a fairly new member of the national and my state Libertarian Party (and registered to vote as a Libertarian in Pennsylvania), I am glad our convention retained the membership pledge. It is never to be deemed restrictive; it is a minimal commitment to principle. I was happy and proud to sign it when I joined.

Retention of the formal membership structure assures the party of vital financial support. I am also proud to be a card-carrying member of the LP.

A salute to all of the delegates who worked together in a spirit of true unity at the convention; splits the LP can do without—as the LP is the only political vehicle that can restore what the Democrats and Republicans have been chipping away at, and what the communists almost destroyed: Freedom and Liberty.

Perhaps one day we will know what life is like under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; that day will arrive when we elect a Libertarian Congress and Senate, and when a Libertarian sits in the White House.

David C. Roth
Philadelphia, PA

Nolan booths

The article by Tom Isenberg (September 1993 NEWS) on Nolan booths was very informative and hit most every detail students need to run the booth.

However, I have an addition to the information he listed. I found that when hosting the booth at Mesa State College, as well as at fairs and carnivals around Western Colorado, another unique approach helps bring people to the booth. The quiz is placed on a bulletin board with two different colored thumbtacks used as markers.

One color (yellow) is used to indicate where the person taking the test thinks they will end up. The other color (red) is used to indicate where they actually finished. It helps spark discussion and usually has the person taking the test returning with a friend or two.

Here's hoping that other college groups try this additional method.

Michael Dann Hayes
Grand Junction, CO

Re-thinking

While I don't believe every Libertarian must agree 100 percent with every item in the platform, there are some issues which are so important that they must be supported.

I watched C-SPAN coverage of elected libertarians and was very disturbed by Rep. Don Gorman's position (or lack of it) on drug legalization.

He said we should "re-think" our position on legalizing drugs. What he apparently doesn't understand is that the key to the Libertarian philosophy is self-ownership. While I don't advocate drug use (and I don't expect Gorman to, either), individuals have the absolute right to make this choice for themselves. Government has no moral authority to legislate what we may ingest.

If the party "re-thought" this issue and decided to protect individuals from themselves, our whole philosophy would

crumble in hypocrisy. Doesn't Gorman understand this?

Steven L. Green
Santee, CA

Call to pens

I enjoyed your October NEWS [Call to pens] article. I have written my elected rep. on HR1709 and S784. I did so because I do think reps read their mail. Therefore, I encourage you to keep writing articles such as the one in the October issue.

Allen Tiffany
Lawrence, KS

Matching funds

I was deeply discouraged by reading in the October NEWS that Wisconsin state assembly candidate Kevin Scheunemann was seeking matching funds. I have been a Libertarian for about 18 years now and have realized that if nothing else our strongest suit is principle and consistency.

That is what attracts people to our movement and that is what has kept me a dedicated Libertarian. The no force principle, applied constantly across the board on all issues, is a thing of beauty. Please, do not destroy this.

In recent years the LP has accomplished much, and finally shows promise of making an impact. This is not the time to compromise (there never was a good one).

I have run for public office before and I know that credibility is very important. The worst thing we can do to destroy our credibility is to say that we are against something, then turn around and practice it. If we accept matching funds we will then have to revise our stance to state that, "Libertarians are against all forced transfers of wealth, except when we are on the receiving end."

Jim Higgins
St. Louis, MO

A Canadian's view of health care reform

By **VINCE MILLER**

As a Canadian who was witness to the original nationalization of health care services in Canada, I see the Clinton health care plan as *deja vu*.

There are many good reasons why the collectivization of health care services here in the U.S. will be a total disaster.

The first effect in Canada was an enormous increase in demand for services—brought about by the existence of a "free" commodity. Many welfare types were using hospitals as vacation hotels and many others abused the system—booking in at hospital emergency rooms for the most trivial of ailments. Budgets went through the roof and within a year and a half some hospitals were being closed down, purchases of diagnostic equipment like CATScan machines were curtailed, and services were being rationed because of costs

running out of control. There are waiting lists of close to nine months for access to a CATScan.

The bureaucracies grew and grew, as did the levels of regulation and government paperwork. I remember hearing of one bureaucratic decree that limited the amount of suture thread and oxygen that could be used in an operation! Doctors and nurses fled in droves for the U.S. to escape the bureaucratic tyranny. As the bureaucracies grew, access to medical care declined dramatically. Quality of service also became questionable. One doctor told me that he was shocked to learn why the levels of success in hip transplant operations were so much better in the U.S. He discovered that as a result of budget restrictions on inventory of joints, they didn't stock as wide a range of sizes, and in many cases used ill-fitting joints.

Exacerbating an already bad situation



was the practice of harassing small private hospitals out of business by passing laws requiring them to widen their hallways, increase the size of elevators, or add additional stairwells, etc.

At the time, former Canadian Libertar-

ian Party Deputy Leader Terry Coughlin had the opportunity to question the Minister of Health and Welfare at a private cocktail party they both were attending. He asked: "Why are you driving the small private hospitals out of business? They take some overload off the state system." The MP reportedly replied: "Quite frankly we will not brook superior competition," to which he added, cryptically, "and don't quote me or I will deny it."

Today Canadians are buying private insurance to gain access to American hospitals in case of an emergency—rather than risk dying in the Canadian queues. Where will they go after the Sovietization of American health care?

Vince Miller, a native Canadian, is president of the International Society for Individual Liberty and past president of the Libertarian Party of Canada.

Campaigns

Sincere making strong showing in VA

Former Virginia LP state chair Richard Sincere is in one of the hottest state legislative races in the country this year. Sincere is facing incumbent Democrat Karen Darner and a Republican in the Nov. 2 House of Delegates election.

Darner, a public school teacher, said before she was elected that she "would vote to raise taxes," and she has. Her pattern of voting for tax increases has resulted in her evaluation by the Virginia Foundation for Research and Education in Economics as one of the three legislators most hostile to business in Virginia.

Sincere, 34, on the other hand, has consistently stood up for the rights of property owners and taxpayers. In fact, he signed a pledge that he will not vote to raise taxes during his tenure in the state assembly.

Sincere entered this race with a high level of name recognition. His name frequently appears in local newspapers in articles and letters on subjects from Second Amendment rights to educational choice

and FIJA to the foolish actions of the Arlington County political establishment.

The county Republican chairman recently said that because of his high profile and grasp of the issues, Sincere is a better candidate than the Republican nominee, a statement privately echoed by a number of Republican activists who have promised to vote for Sincere. Sincere is also likely to get Democratic support from gay and lesbian voters who are concerned about Virginia's sodomy law—he has promised to introduce legislation to repeal the archaic law.

Sincere has received bipartisan support with the endorsement of the Volunteers for an Independent Arlington Coalition, a broad-based group of Democrats, Republicans, Perot supporters, and independents organized to promote integrity and accountability in government. Coalition president Amy Jones stated coalition members "come from different political parties and interest groups but we all agree on the issue of integrity in government. We

are pleased to have been able to endorse Richard Sincere on this basis and believe he can bring this focus to the House of Delegates, along with a commitment to high standards of accountability."

"This endorsement is further proof of my broad support within the Arlington community," Sincere said.

"Having an articulate candidate who is known as a community activist makes my job much easier," said David Morris, Sincere's campaign manager. "Rick Sincere's community roots and high name recognition just naturally lead to grassroots support and a significantly higher favorability rating than his tax-and-spend incumbent opponent. I agreed to run this campaign because I know that we can win."

For more information, write Committee to Elect Richard Sincere, Arlington Medical Building, 3124 N. 10th St., Arlington, VA 22201, or call 703-522-8520.

LP seeks majority on IL school board

McHenry County Libertarians in Crystal Lake, IL, have a full slate of candidates running in the upcoming school district election to be held Nov. 2.

In hopes of obtaining a majority on the seven-member school board, three state and national LP members—Lenny Grom, James Young, and Mike Krech—recruited a local, libertarian-minded, small businessman, Chris Parker, to round out the slate. Krech is a currently elected member of the Lake-in-the-Hills, IL, village board.

The school district manages both elementary and middle schools with a budget of about \$26.5 million.

The LP slate is running on a platform of fiscal responsibility and "No" votes on two referenda asking voters to approve tax increases to build two more schools and to fund the day-to-day operating expenses for those facilities. Similar referenda have been on the ballot in prior elections and have been soundly defeated each time, yet the current board continues to place the tax increase question on the ballot.

"Local activists and other Libertarian clubs have come forward to assist with voter lists, phone calls, and mailing lists," said Grom. "The campaign has an information coordinator, a treasurer, and a manager. All the work that has been done has been very time consuming and labor intensive.

"As of Oct. 4, the 60-day campaign strategy schedule is right on time," said Grom. "Volunteers have not been a problem. Money, at this time, is the major factor."

For more information, write LPI of McHenry County, P.O. Box 601, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0601, or call 815-455-5660.



ILLINOIS CANDIDATES - Libertarians seeking a majority on a Illinois school board include, from left to right, Chris Parker, Lenny Grom, James Young, and Mike Krech.

Candidates across the nation

California

Jon Petersen, Santa Clara County LP chair, is running for State Senate, District 11. "Our goal is to force a run-off," said Petersen, "and then make sure the older parties know we are there."

This is a special election for an open seat, run under special rules, including: 1) the campaign will be short—no time to build up large scale name recognition; 2) the Nov. 2 election is an open primary—any voter can vote for any candidate, regardless of registration; 3) if no one gets over half the vote, there will be a run-off Dec. 28 with only the top vote-getter from each party included. Whoever gets the most votes in that election wins.

When it goes to a run-off, Petersen will still be there along with the other three party winners.

The campaign plans to: 1) attend public forums (at least two will be televised); 2) cooperate with like-minded campaigns; 3) target selected precincts for mailing and walking; 4) target absentee voters; 5) target seniors (they vote more than most); and 6) run strong "get-out-the-vote" campaigns.

For more information, contact the Committee to Elect Jon Petersen, 141 Hayes Ave., San Jose, CA 95123, or call 408-229-1726.

Massachusetts

Galit Dukach, who is running in this month's Cambridge City Council election, has initiated the "Dukach Challenge" to her opponents. She has pledged to donate half of her council salary to charity.

Minnesota

In Winona, Donald Salyards is running for re-election as school board director in District 861. Salyards is a strong advocate of educational choice.

Eric Nelson is in the mayoral race in Minneapolis. He has received good media attention in the city.

Peter Kauffner is running for the Board of Estimate and Taxation in a non-partisan race.

Frances Bauer isn't in an election contest but has applied for a seat on the curriculum advisory council in a school district that serves Apple Valley, Eagan, and Rosemont.

Montana

The LP has three candidates running for the Missoula City Council, including Wyatt Vaught, Ward 3, David Cox, Ward 2, and David Harrison, Ward 1. Vaught will be in a two-way race against a two-term incumbent Democrat. Along with other campaigning, the Missoula candidates are sponsoring a benefit concert to raise funds for their contests.

For more information, write Wyatt Vaught, 228 Eddy Ave., Missoula, MT 59801.

Pennsylvania

Three Libertarians from the Montgomery County LP are running for inspector of elections, including Danielle Cauley, Tim Moir, and Doug Leard.

Election results available

Starting at 9 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 2, results of Libertarian races across the country for state representatives, school boards, supervisors, com-

missioners, etc., will be posted and updated on the LP's 900-telephone line. New information will be posted every 12 hours during the week of Nov. 2-5.

**Call 1-900-4-LIBERTY
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A serious discussion

Dave talks about health care, NAFTA, reinventing government

Health care reform, NAFTA, "Reinventing Government"—these are issues that deeply concern you, as an informed American, in the sense that if you read one more word about them, you are going to puke. Nevertheless we intend to address them today, because we are a professional news commentator, and we feel that it is our responsibility, from time to time, to refer to ourselves in the plural.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

This is an important issue, because many Americans are not receiving adequate health care. We certainly are not. We haven't been to our doctor's office in several years. Don't get us wrong: We love our doctor, whose name is Curt. He sits right behind us at Miami Heat basketball games, and we're deeply impressed by the wisdom of his observations, such as: "He's a BUM!" And: "This guy is a BUM!"

But the last time we went to Curt's office, he suddenly, without warning, put on a rubber glove and did something to us that we cannot discuss in the newspaper except to say that it gave us a deeper understanding of what it must feel like to be a Thanksgiving turkey. And THEN he made us take a "stress test" wherein we had to run on a treadmill with wires attached to our skin and radioactive chemicals flowing through our body. So now we're afraid to go to Curt's office, because we don't know WHAT he might do to us next. We're afraid he

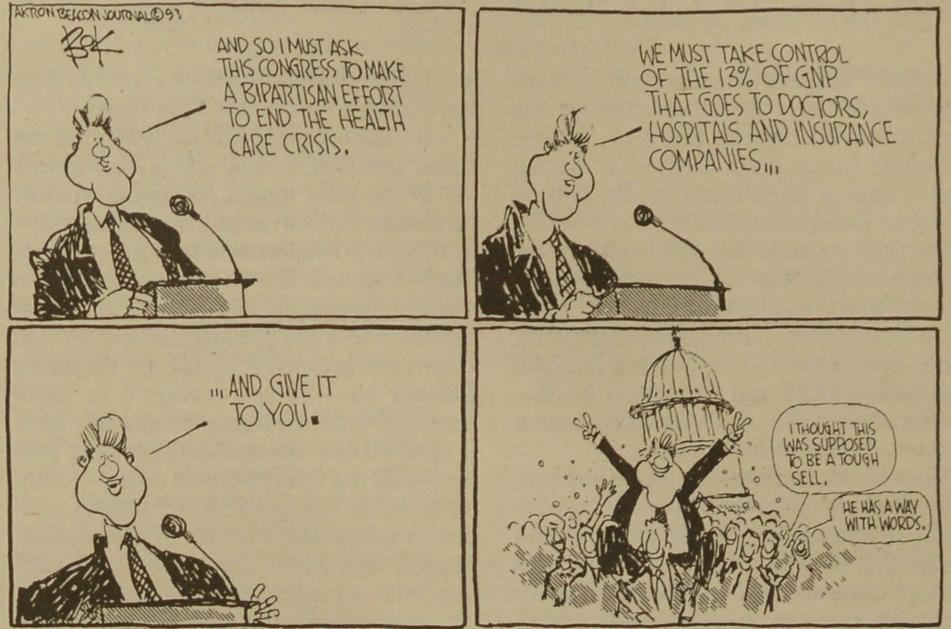


On the light side

Dave Barry
Columnist

might have purchased a soldering iron. Thus our only option, if we developed a serious medical problem, would be to do what millions of other Americans must do: Go to a Miami Heat basketball game. Our plan would be to get Curt's attention by dropping subtle hints. ("Hi, Curt! By the way, we have a large lesion!") Then, during timeouts, Curt could diagnose our condition by asking medical questions. ("Could you try not to bleed on my nachos?" And: "How come you're referring to yourself in the plural?")

But this is not a long-term solution. For one thing, it doesn't work during baseball season. What we need is health care reform that would require doctors to return to the old type of physical examination wherein they don't actually touch you, but instead just ask a bunch of questions, to which the correct answer is always "no." ("Have you ever had the plague? Navel discharges? Eyeball worms? Any trampoline-transmitted diseases?") Also, just to make sure, doctors should be required to wear a full-body restraining device like the



one Dr. Hannibal Lecter wore in "Silence of the Lambs" to keep him from turning the other characters into Corpse McNuggets. This would make all Americans feel more comfortable about medical care, and free them to think about the important issue of NAFTA.

"NAFTA" is an antonym for "North Atlantic Treaty Organization." This agreement, hammered out by the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Belgium, would enable the nations to trade freely with one another. For example, the United States could trade North Dakota, Kansas, and a state to be named later to Canada in exchange for Toronto and Montreal; many economists believe this would create jobs in the moving industry and guarantee that Canada would never again win the World Series.

Leading the support for NAFTA is President Clinton, who favors it because it is a humongously boring government thing that only he understands. Leading the opposition is "H." Ross Perot, the feisty, popular, plain-spoken maverick billionaire space alien, who believes that the real purpose of NAFTA is—and he can prove this with charts—to disrupt his daughter's wedding.

Which side will prevail? That is a question that remains to be answered, unless it already WAS answered, and we missed it. We frankly haven't been paying much attention to NAFTA, because we're so excited about

REINVENTING GOVERNMENT
This is a brainstorm from Vice President

Al "Mojo" Gore, who, while carrying out his vice-presidential duties as stated in the Constitution ("The vice president shall wear a nice suit") noticed that the federal government, in performing its many functions, demonstrates the collective brainpower of a sponge. (Gore failed to notice this during his 15 years in the House and Senate; he was busy passing laws giving the government new functions to perform.)

As an example of bureaucratic inefficiency, Gore noted that the government agencies go through an absurdly complex procedure simply to purchase ashtrays.

"It's ridiculous," he pointed out. "The agencies should just steal them from motels, like everybody else."

So the administration has a bold reform program under which the government would take such radical steps as—get ready—REQUIRING FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ANSWER THEIR TELEPHONES. Of course this would require intensive employee re-training programs ("OK, you hear that sound? We call that 'ringing'"). Also, there would be some health risk to the thousands of elderly people who dialed the Social Security Administration as far back as 1975 and have been hanging on the line ever since; many of these people would suffer heart attacks if they were to suddenly hear an actual human voice. Fortunately for them, we will soon have health care reform, so they can all be treated, regardless of income level, at the basketball game of their choice.

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Quote of the Month

Mike Royko, syndicated columnist for *The Chicago Tribune*, had some comments about Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care reform sales job on Capitol Hill:

"I listened to much of her testimony about how and why the health care program would be terrific for all of us. And I couldn't figure out what the heck she was talking about. It was a deadly combination of bureaucratic jargon and legal jargon. And if any congressman claims to have understood it, he has been in Washington too long.

I understood the basic pitch: Somehow we are all going to have better health care. Somehow everybody in America will be covered by a medical plan. And somehow it won't cost us more money.

And somehow I think that is one of the biggest political con jobs I have ever heard.

Which explains why so many congressmen were drooling like happy puppies. They specialize in political con jobs. And what better way to con voters than by telling them: "Have I got a deal for you—something for nothing. Just sign here on the ballot."

Before you respond, "Yeah, but what do you know?" I'll admit I'm not an economist, a lawyer, a congressman, or a health care expert.

All I am is someone who has managed—without the help of politicians or Hillary Rodham Clinton—to provide my family with good medical care for the past four decades.

Which is what the vast majority of Americans have been doing, without the help of politicians and the federal bureaucracy."

Mike Royko

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Nov. 13, 1993:

Maryland LP Convention, Holiday Timonium Plaza, 2004 Greenspring Dr., Timonium, MD; for more information call 410-325-2813.

Nov. 13, 1993:

New Hampshire LP Convention, Clarion-Somerset Hotel, Nashua. Speakers include John Taylor Gatto.

Dec. 11-12, 1993:

Libertarian Party National Committee Meeting, Arlington, VA; for more information call 202-543-1988.

Jan. 29, 1994:

Stop Civil Asset Forfeiture Conference, Hastings Law School, 200 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA; sponsored by ISIL and California FEAR; for more information call 415-864-0952.

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