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Roy Carlton for US Senate

"Wellstone said if we sent him to Washington he'd shake-up the system, instead he's shook us down for everything we've got," says Roy Carlton. "It's time to send someone to Washington to yell STOP!" "I'd shake the system down to a constitutional size where government will once again respect your civil

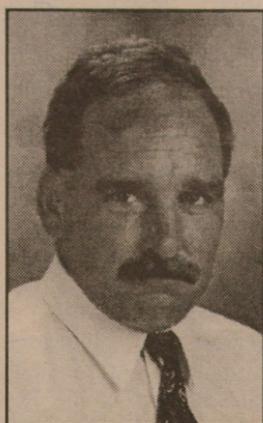
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Larry Fuhol for US Congress 8

Larry Fuhol, (pronounced "Fuel"), of Isanti believes "We are shifting the center of political debate toward liberty; we are sending a message to those in government that the lesser of two evils is not acceptable and that the American dream of individual freedom is alive and well in the Libertarian Party."

He wants to bring
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Tim Knoedler for MN Senate 6

"Big Government has to be stopped, or it will continue to damage our society. Our country had a small unobtrusive government for most of our history, and we can have that again," says 43 year old Tim Knoedler, married to Candace, father of three teenagers and a self-employed independent sales contractor. He believes in allowing

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Rich Osness for MN Senate 27

"Our government is so screwed up it is difficult to decide where to start," said 48-year-old District 27 Minnesota Senate candidate Rich Osness. But, prioritizing his to-do list, Osness targeted the following areas: medical care, education, and campaign finance reform, including compensation for state legislators.

Osness, son of a
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Jonathan Wirth for MN Senate 55

"Free thinkers are wanted for the Libertarian Party, from Minnesota Senate District 55 candidate Jonathan Wirth. Are you tired of Democrat and Republican politicians wasting massive amounts of your hard-earned income (while mandating how to live your life and run your business)?" asks Wirth. "The over-reaching Nanny State of Minnesota wants to control virtually every aspect of

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Bob Odden for MN Senate 62

Minnesota Senate 62 candidate Bob Odden has been a Libertarian Party member since 1974. "In college I discovered Ayn Rand while working for the summer at Pemton. In a free society, people would frown on the forced interference in the lives of others except in self defense."

Bob Odden is concerned with how welfare

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Tenants and landlords unite to protect our civil rights

By Charles Test

MINNEAPOLIS

Representatives of inner city renters and small landlords thought they had worked out a reasonable compromise concerning rental licensing inspections with Minneapolis City Council members Steve Minn and Dennis Shulstad, but they were wrong.

Tenant rights representatives and small landlords should have known better when they arrived at the public hearing June 25 to find that Minn, Shulstad, the Inspections Department and the city council regulatory services committee had all agreed to "the change." It seemed too good to be true, it was. This reporter made a point of looking for a copy of the ordinance change. There were none to be found. Afterwards, with two faxes, of the law, from the city clerk's office and the truth came out. The committee had actually voted to duplicate rental licensing search language by inserting language into the guidelines

mandating the enforcement policies the city would pursue. Mandatory searches of the homes of renters would continue. If a renter refused a search, the inspector could seek a search warrant as city policy. The city has claimed this authority under Section 244.130 all along; now they have inserted it into Section 244.1890 (rental licensing guidelines) too. No such searches have been suggested for homeowners.

Compromise language that meant to end mandatory searches of licensed dwellings unless requested by the tenant, while retaining an exterior and common area inspection policy, except under emergency circumstances was completely dropped at the last minute according to landlord representatives. Equal rights supporters of the compromise language were not happy when they learned that the entire public hearing was a complete sham. Council-member Biernat had allowed the public hearing because so many

people had come to speak. Speaker after speaker admonished the council-members and staff for not reading or enforcing the law fairly and equally. Supporters of renter OK'd inspections ranged from Kirk Hill of the Minneapolis Tenants Union to Charlie Disney of the Minneapolis Property Rights Action Committee. One former Minneapolis school teacher even suggested that the City Council might be guilty of violating their oaths of office by violating the civil rights of different groups of people. He quoted a 1920's ordinance that stipulates banishment from public office if found guilty. A few speakers supported the Inspections Department because they had had good experiences with it or they did not own any duplexes or four-plexes anyway.

After the public comments, and with no comments or discussion, the committee voted unanimously for "the change."

Libertarian Party of Minnesota helps organize immigration rally

by Jack Stecher

Approximately 250 supporters of immigrants' rights met at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis on July 27. Attendees came to hear horror stories about Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) violations of due process during recent raids. Speakers from across the political spectrum came to defend immigrants from recent trends toward scapegoating.

The rally was put on by the Immigration Task Force, a broad coalition of organizations that includes a delegation from the Libertarian Party of Minnesota's Outreach Committee. At the rally, representatives of the Roy Carlton for Senate campaign distributed literature, contrasting Senator Wellstone's voting record on immigration with Carlton's position.

"Wellstone's vote for the current federal immigration bill is disgraceful," Carlton said. "That extreme anti-immigrant bill would drastically infringe on the rights of all Americans."

Neither Wellstone nor a promised representative from Wellstone's office showed up at the rally.

The bill to which Carlton referred is S. 1664,

which passed both houses of Congress earlier this year and is now in conference committee. A final version will iron out differences between the bills passed in each house, with a vote expected in September, according to Pete Rode of the Immigration Task Force.

Among the bill's provisions are the establishment of a national identity card, federal control of all state-issued birth certificates, and mandates on health care workers to become INS informants on emergency-room patients. In addition, INS agents would be able to deport refugees seeking political asylum, without giving the refugees a chance to be heard in court. All accused illegal entrants would be permanently barred from re-entering the U.S., giving them no mechanism for appeal.

"It's astounding that Wellstone can pass himself off as a champion of the downtrodden, yet vote for something like this," Carlton said.

Still, there were some causes for optimism as a result of the rally. "We had 250 people show up," said Charles Test, who chairs the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and was part of the delegation at the rally. "These people came mostly as individuals, and repre-

sented a broad cross-section of political ideologies. What we had in common was a desire to change the public's views and the government's policies on immigration."

Roy Carlton echoed that hopeful message, adding, "There will always be irresponsible politicians who would rather find a scapegoat than admit to policy failures. We don't need Wellstone's national identity card, and we don't need to surrender due process. Wellstone would like us to believe that the problem with our welfare system is immigration. That's wrong. The problem with our welfare system is welfare. Immigrants coming here to work in our country, to build their dreams here, don't deserve to be turned away. They deserve our thanks, admiration, and respect."

Meet LPMN candidates at Sept. 22 Picnic

MINNEAPOLIS

On Sunday, September 22, at 2:00, the Libertarian Party will hold a picnic at Minnehaha Park. Bring friends, family, and something to barbecue! (Also, bring a portable grill if you can spare one!) The LPMN will provide utensils, coals, condiments, and soft drinks! We will meet at Minnehaha Park near the park building (look for the LPMN banner!). Come to meet the

candidates, socialize, and have fun! There is a playground nearby, and, of course, Minnehaha Falls are available for all to enjoy!! Please RSVP by calling the party voice mail number: (1-800-788-2660) by September 20. Also, check the party voice mail for rain date information.

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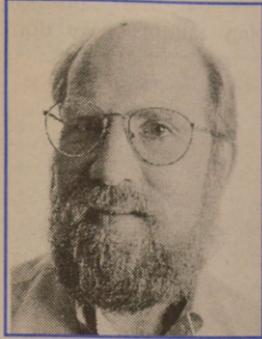
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARTY CHAIR

(Because of petitioning and newsletter demands I haven't written a message from your Chair this issue, but Rich Osness pretty much says it all in the following. *Charles Test*)

By Rich Osness

In Minnesota we have six Libertarians on



Charles Test

the ballot with Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen a sure thing. I have seen what a very few, very dedicated people did to get the 2,000 signatures for Roy Carlton and I am absolutely certain that we will have a candidate for U.S. President in Minnesota. A few of us have done this to give you some candidates that you can support.

It is now time to remember the ONLY purpose, the ONLY reason for the existence of a political party.

TO ELECT CANDIDATES.

A political party is not a discussion group or think tank. We do not exist to

influence debate or discussion. We exist only to get people who agree with us into elective office. I speak for all six of us and Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen when I say that we need as much help as each of you can give now. Right now.

This year we can win some elections in Minnesota. I have been out there for the past month. The votes are there. We have good, credible candidates. People just need to hear about us. If they know who we are, they will vote for us. We have a lot of votes just waiting to be claimed by hard work. The other three parties are working hard. We must start now.

All of the candidates are working hard. Larry Fuhol, Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen have been campaigning forever. We have all given up a lot: jobs, businesses and families. Only a current or past candidate and a dedicated few of our party leaders can really appreciate what it costs to be a serious candidate.

We know you are busy. Libertarians by nature are responsible, hard working people that take their careers and families seriously. We know that you have little time to give. Give us every minute that you can spare. Do it for your careers. Do it for your

families.

Call up a candidate near you. and offer to help. Don't call to talk politics or philosophy. You already know what a Libertarian believes and will do. He agrees with you or he would be taking the easy way and running with one of the three major Minnesota parties.

We need people to make phone calls, to put up signs, to pass out literature, to help man booths, people to stand with us and help give us credibility. All of us have things you can do to help for an hour or a day.

If you are bashful about identifying yourself as a Libertarian, we need money.

The state of Minnesota will refund your contribution of up to \$50 per person or \$100 per couple within three to four weeks.

I know many of you find this repugnant; I do, but I will use it to get elected. By getting elected I will have the greatest ability to change this and other laws. I leave it up to you to decide whether or not to apply for the refund.

IF you want to make a difference, ACT NOW. We can win some races this year. In the races we lose, every vote we get will make it easier for those who follow. We need to work as hard preserving our liberty as the

Why Me?

by Rich Osness

The reaction from my acquaintances upon hearing the news of my candidacy has been what I expected. Why Me? Why the Libertarian Party? (Whatever that is.) Why now? What do you think you are doing? Actually, I am embarrassed that I have remained silent and waited this long. As a business person I have some exposure to the actual workings of our state and federal governments that some others may not have experienced.

Rather than asking why I am a candidate ask yourself why you are not. I know the answers. They have kept me relatively silent for the last thirty-two years. However, our country and state are suffering from a lack of real political leadership. No doubt there are people better qualified than I, but they are silent for the same reasons I have been. Someone must step forward to fill the vacuum in our state legislature. I would be pleased if someone else did.

The views of the Libertarian Party match mine more closely than either of the two major parties or any of the other minor parties. Rather than attempt to reform a larger party it makes more sense to join a party that already matches my views on most positions. I would advise others to do the same. There are more than two choices. If you are displeased with the actions of the major parties, find a minor party whose platform most closely matches your own. Do not waste your vote on a party or platform you really do not agree with just because they are the likely winners.

The Libertarian Party is not Lyndon LaRouche. (I believe he claims to be a Democrat but I doubt that they claim him.) The LP is not a bunch of militant militia groups. In fact, membership requires an oath disavowing the initiation of force to achieve ones goals. We are not anarchists. Many of us are even bashful about civil disobedience. The Libertarian Party believes in individual liberty and responsibility. Our positions are held by a large number of people in this country including many people reading this. The question for all of us

should not be whether or not to act now, but why have we waited so long? Why have we let our elected and appointed officials take over so much of our lives? Why have we avoided the responsibilities that come with self government?

I want to win this election but that is not the most important thing I can accomplish. As individual citizens we have abdicated our authority over the ones who govern us. To remain a free society each of us must step forward as individuals rather than as a part of some special interest group. Otherwise we will become a government of special interest groups. We who are too good for politics will be ruled by those who are not. If I can encourage a

few others to step forward and assume the role of leadership I will have done what one person can do to safeguard the future of this country and this state.

This month we commemorate the 220th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This document was the product of business people and farmers, not career politicians and government officials. We in the private sector have allowed political discussion to be shaped and controlled by those with an interest in a large and dominant government for too long. What better time than now to be true to the legacy left by these great leaders? Rather than ask me "Why?" ask yourself "Why not?"

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Minnesota councilman joins LPMN

MADISON, MINN

The Libertarian Party of Minnesota has increased its total of public office-holders, thanks to Maynard Meyer.

Meyer serves on the City Council of Madison, in Western Minnesota. He has been involved in local politics for many years, including involvement in the school district prior to having been elected to City Council. In July, Meyer joined the

Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

The Libertarian Party of Minnesota became more active in Lac Qui Parle County, which includes Madison, during the 1994 gubernatorial campaign. Lac Qui Parle was one of ten counties in Western Minnesota where Libertarian candidates Eric Olson and Mike Strand focused on establishing a Libertarian

Party presence. Madison is the largest city in Lac Qui Parle County, and is the seat of the county government.

Nationwide, there are now 174 Libertarians in public office, the highest total in the party's history.

Those wishing to send letters of support to Meyer may write to him at the Madison City Council, Madison, Minnesota, 56256.

LPMN at Gay Pride

MINNEAPOLIS

On the weekend of June 22 - 23, the Libertarian Party of Minnesota ran its annual booth at Gay Pride in Minneapolis.

"This was a terrific opportunity for outreach," said Bob Odden, who is running for State Senate in Southwest Minneapolis' District 62 (see article on page 1). "The DFL has openly betrayed its supporters within the gay community, while the Republicans are actively hostile to equal

treatment under the law.

"Libertarian candidates can make a real difference. We need to remind the Republicans of what it means to believe in liberty. We need to remind the Democrats of what it means to believe in equality," Odden added.

At their recent political convention, delegates of the DFL party voted against allowing same-sex couples to marry. Minnesota law currently bans sodomy, even when both parties are fully

consenting adults, with up to a year in prison and a \$3,000 fine (MN. Statutes 609.293).

"We need to change Minnesota's repressive laws on sexuality," Odden said. "Minnesota still outlaws fornication - defined as sex between any single woman and any man - and makes such an act a misdemeanor. That's none of the government's business, and it's our job as Libertarian candidates to say so."

The Media Awareness Project: Changing the discourse from Hysteria to Sanity

As we come closer to election time, we are hearing the usual "tough-on-drugs" and "tough-on-crime" message emitting from both the left and right. As both sides speak of the horrors that drugs cause, the lack of thought and debate on this issue is clear. Have the politicians ever thought that our current drug laws are a major source of our drug and crime problems?

The Media Awareness Project (MAP) is an organization dedicated to countering the hysteria promoted by drug warriors. Utilizing the Internet, we copy editorials and articles from newspapers and other forms of media from across the country. By using Internet e-mail, MAP activists receive these articles and are able to coordinate their activities. We reply to as

many editorials and stories as we have time for, by

using e-mail, fax, or snail mail. We have had success in getting our message across in the past, but we need more members to increase this success in the future. The creation of a large group of activists will assist in drug policy reform efforts by countering the hysteria in the media that surrounds drug issues. Through this, we can work on a better policy on drugs, by entering a voice of rationality and truth into the media.

As the Regional Manager for this area, I would like to build up a group of activists in Minnesota. Although our views on what may work will differ, our common view is that the war on drugs has caused more harm than good, is a major threat to liberty, and the prohibition of drugs is a failed policy. Together we can alter the discourse on this important issue.

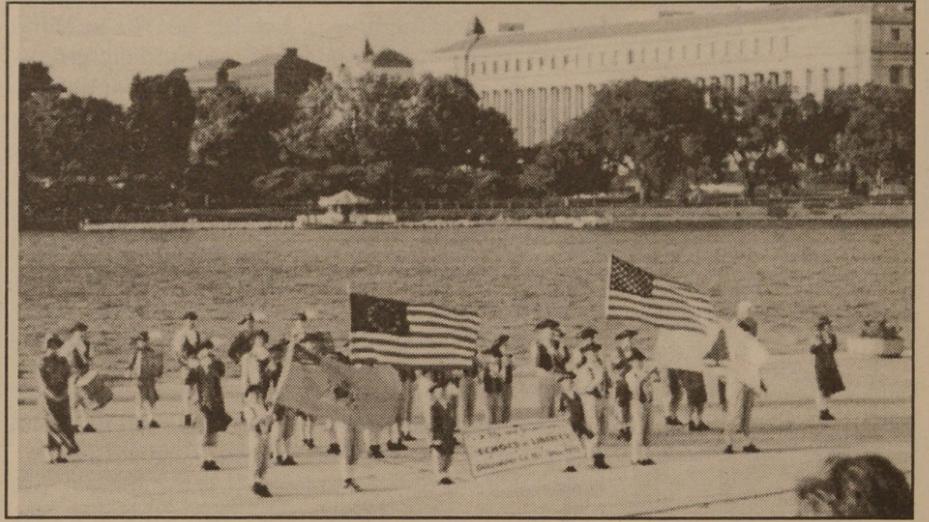
To continue the successes that reform efforts

have had in the past few months, we need people who are willing to use mediums like e-mail, fax, and snail mail to bring an end to drug hysteria. If you are interested in joining MAP, please contact me at any of the addresses below. Also, please visit the World Wide Web site for the Media Awareness Project. With the "tough-on-drugs" message flowing through the media, we need your help more than ever.

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MN delegates Eric Johnson and Mike Neitzel in Washington, D.C.



Echos of Liberty from New Jersey at Jefferson Memorial event

IRS and its audit: four-time loser GAO Findings "Chilling"

by Daniel J. Pilla*

On June 6, 1996, the General Accounting Office released the results of its fourth annual audit of the Internal Revenue Service. In general, the four audits have identified three broad areas of concern. First, IRS has "serious and pervasive accounting and reporting problems." Second, it has a very significant problem collecting "tax receivables." Third, it is in need of "stronger controls" over payroll and other operating expense items.

The results of the 1996 audit evidence no improvement in the IRS general financial operations. The GAO was "unable to express an opinion on the reliability" of IRS' financial statements due to gross errors and omissions in the agency's accounting systems. What's worse, according to Gregory M. Holloway, GAO's Director of Government-Wide Audits, "Fundamental, persistent problems remain uncorrected and, until they are resolved, will continue to prevent [GAO] from expressing an opinion on IRS' financial statements in the future."

In particular, the problems are:

- * The amounts of total revenue and tax refunds cannot be reconciled to accounting records of individual citizens;
- * The amounts reported for various types of taxes collected, such as income, social security, unemployment, etc., cannot be substantiated;
- * The reliability of valid accounts receivable and collectible accounts receivable cannot be determined;

* A significant portion of IRS' \$3 billion in non-payroll operating expenses cannot be verified; and

* The amounts reported as appropriations available for expenditure cannot be reconciled with the Treasury's central accounting records, and hundreds of millions of dollars in differences have been identified.

It represents the height of temerity for the IRS to demand the average citizen keep accurate records, when, ironically, the trained accountants and financial investigators of the IRS have no clue how to keep track of their own income and expenses.

Even worse, the IRS knows of the problems. Since the first audit in 1993, the GAO has made 59 specific recommendations to improve IRS' financial management environment. The IRS has "agreed with these recommendations," but has failed to implement them.

One of the more glaring failures has to do with IRS' operating expenses. In 1995, the IRS spent \$8.1 billion to carry out its functions. Of that, about \$5.3 billion covered payroll and personnel costs, and \$2.8 billion went toward general expenses.

Businesses and individuals are required to substantiate 100 percent of the expenses claimed as deductions on tax returns. One would think the IRS has the practice of recording expenses down to a science. After all, it audits about 1.5 million tax returns each year and disallows deductions in over 80 percent of the cases.

However, when GAO reviewed IRS' documentation, it found that the agency

"did not have support for when and if certain goods or services were received, and in other instances, did not have support for reported expense amounts." Moreover, "in cases where IRS could provide information showing proper receipt and acceptance of goods and services, expenses were often recorded in the wrong fiscal year." This occurs because "IRS accounting offices used inconsistent, and in some cases, incorrect policies and procedures for recording expenses."

After the first audit in 1993, GAO found that just 60 percent of the reported receivables were valid. Of that, only 30 percent were actually collectible. It became apparent that IRS was spinning its wheels in a glorious effort to collect tax assessments which either did not exist or which were simply uncollectible. GAO took IRS by the hand and helped it develop a statistical sampling method. If properly applied, the exercise "would allow it to reliably estimate and report valid and collectible accounts receivable."

Unfortunately, things did not go quite as hoped. GAO revisited the issue in 1996, declaring:

"We evaluated and tested IRS' use of the method as part of our succeeding financial audits and we found that IRS made errors in carrying out the statistical sampling process, which rendered the sampling results unreliable. This year, for the first time, IRS tried, also without success, to specifically identify its accounts receivable."

Based on this report, one has to wonder whether the IRS is deliberately sabotaging its receivables numbers. What would it have to gain? Only the propagation of the agency's manpower, equipment and funding.

Next, and perhaps the most signifi-

cant problem relates to the IRS' Fund Balance with the Treasury. Fund Balance accounts are used to record receipts and disbursements for various appropriations. Government agencies cannot spend a dime without specific authorization -- an appropriation--from Congress. The appropriations are held in Fund Balance accounts at the Treasury and drawn as needed.

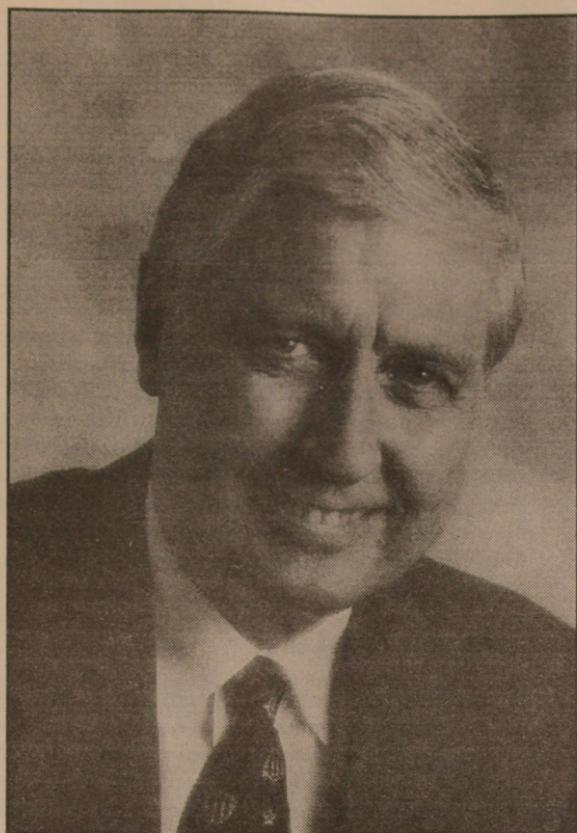
Upon careful examination of the Fund Balance accounts, GAO discovered:

"These accounts have been un-reconciled in each of the years we have audited the IRS' financial statements. The net reconciling differences are in the millions of dollars and made up of gross differences in the hundreds of millions of dollars."

Without reconciliation, IRS does not know and GAO cannot determine whether and to what extent IRS is spending beyond its authority as to a given appropriation, or spending without authority in other areas.

Unquestionably, the IRS is in a much bigger mess than it is willing to concede. The people who are in the very best position to know what is happening with the nation's revenue are, in fact, the least knowledgeable about the facts. GAO has pointed out these and other egregious failures four years running, but the problems go unattended.

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Harry Browne for President
Libertarians nominate Harry Browne for president

WASHINGTON, DC -

With an overwhelming first-ballot victory, best-selling author Harry Browne won the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party at their national convention July 3-7, 1996.

His next goal: A ballot spot in all 50 states and an

invitation to the televised presidential debates this fall.

Browne, 63, won more than 68% of the votes from the 600+ Libertarian Party delegates gathered at the Hyatt Capitol Hill hotel in downtown Washington, DC, on Saturday, July 7th.

He defeated challengers Rick Tompkins, Irwin Schiff, and Doug Ohmen.

In his acceptance speech to the cheering delegates and a live C-SPAN audience of millions, Browne posed the question he said might change the direction of government once and for all: "Would you be willing to give up your favorite government programs if it meant you would never again have to pay income tax?"

If elected, Browne promised to abolish the income tax and "get the federal government out of everything not specified in the Constitution," which would allow him to deliver "huge tax cuts now, huge spending cuts now, [and] a balanced budget now."

Again and again, Browne returned to the central theme of his campaign:

"Government doesn't work.

"People everywhere recognize that government doesn't work. It doesn't deliver the mail on time; it doesn't keep the cities safe; it doesn't educate our children properly," he said.

"Government has failed. Government

reforms have failed. Government politicians have failed. Government doesn't work.

"So we don't want to reform the federal government. We don't want to slow its growth. We don't want to improve the management of it. We want to reduce it to the absolute minimum possible.

"It's time to return to Americans the freedom to run their own lives with their own money by their own values," he said.

Selected as Browne's running mate was Jo Jorgensen, the president of a software company in South Carolina.

The Libertarian Party is already on the ballot in 37 states, and plans to qualify for all 50 state ballots by mid-August.

Browne, a resident of Tennessee, writes an investment newsletter and is the author of nine books, including his recent campaign manifesto "Why Government Doesn't Work," the #1 bestseller "You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis," and "How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World."

During his quest for the Libertarian Party



Jo Jorgensen for Vice-President

nomination, Browne campaigned in 38 states and appeared on hundreds of radio talk shows. He plans to start running radio ads this week promoting his candidacy, and hopes to boost his polling numbers high enough to qualify for the presidential debates.

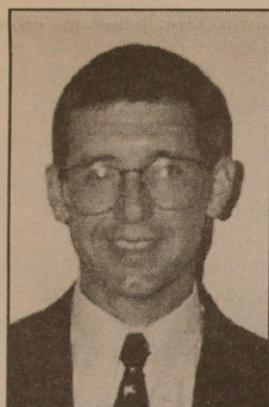
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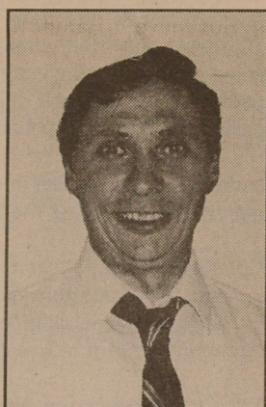
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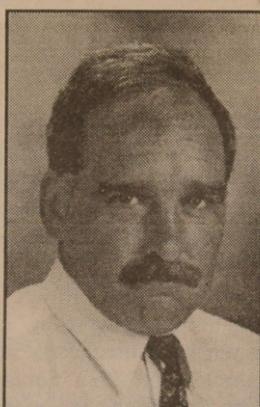
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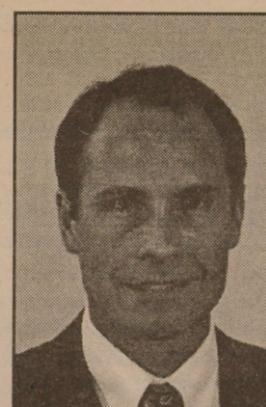
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Libertarian Party of Minnesota Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and oppose the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals. We are dedicated to the right of all individuals to live in whatever manner they choose, as long as they do not forcibly interfere with the right of others to live as they choose.

Governments throughout history, including our own, have operated on the principle that the state has the right to control the lives of individuals and confiscate the fruits of their labor. All other political parties in this country grant government these powers. We, however, hold that governments, when instituted, have only one legitimate function: to protect the rights of the individual.

We challenge the concept that governments have the right to become involved in any activity not directly related to the protection of individual rights. Governments should exist only to ensure the right to free speech and action, the right to own property, and the right to engage involuntary contractual arrangements with other individuals. No individual should be forced by the State, or another person, to relinquish any portion of his or her life or property for the benefit of another person.

II Preface

What does the Libertarian Party stand for?

Positions taken by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota are based on the inviolate principle that your life is your own. This means that you may provide for and enjoy your life in any way you wish as long as you do not forcibly interfere with anyone else's equal right to do the same.

Members of the Libertarian Party do not necessarily advocate or approve of any of the practices our policies would make legal. Our exclusion of moral approval and disapproval is deliberate. Individual rights must be recognized; the wisdom of any course of peaceful action is a matter for the acting individual(s) to decide. Personal responsibility is discouraged by government when people are denied the opportunity to exercise it. Libertarian policies will create a society in which people are free to make, and learn from, their own decisions.

Who can disagree with that?

Throughout history, governments have operated on the opposite principle: that the State may dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all non-libertarian political parties and organizations assume that government bodies and agencies may initiate force against you and seize what you have produced without your consent through taxation and regulation.

What are your rights?

Your primary right is your right to your own life. In order for this to be realized, you must have the final say over how your life is to be lived. No other person or group of persons can justify forcibly interfering with your life.

From this basic right derives all others, such as:

- * Your right to property; that is, what you produce or trade for.
- * Your right to pursue happiness; that is, the reason you choose to live, what makes life worthwhile for you.

This means, for example, you have the right:

- * To make arrangements with anyone else to exchange services and property, and to carry out those exchanges free from outside interference;
- * To save your property for future enjoyment or trade;
- * To be free from invasions of your privacy; and
- * To defend yourself and your property;

but only as long as you do not forcibly interfere with another person's equal right to do the same.

Libertarian Harry Browne's platform

PREAMBLE

Government doesn't work. It can't deliver the mail on time, it doesn't keep our cities safe, it doesn't educate our children.

Government programs have failed. Government reforms have failed. Democratic and Republican politicians have failed. Government doesn't work.

Still, whatever the issue, Republican and Democratic politicians propose more government as the answer - even when, as is usually the case, it is government that has caused the problem.

Libertarians stand for individual liberty, self-responsibility, and freedom from government - on all issues at all times. If there's a problem, our first question is not, "How can government solve this problem," but "What government program must be eliminated to improve this situation?"

We are the only party dedicated to dramatically reducing government - and doing it now, not in some pie-in-the-sky future year.

We are the only party that recognizes that the federal government has expanded far beyond the small, limited government envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

We are the only party that believes the Bill of Rights is an absolute document, to be taken literally. Government has no right to violate the Bill of Rights in any circumstance.

This means:

- * You, and every other person, have the right to speak and write freely - on paper, on the airwaves, on the Internet - even if the government and the politicians don't like what you say.
- * You have the right to keep and bear arms - even if some lunatic shoots up a restaurant in Texas.
- * You have a right to be safe from unreasonable search and seizure - even if a DEA agent thinks you fit his profile of a drug dealer.
- * You have a right to financial privacy - even if an IRS agent demands to know everything about you. You have a right to the full use of your own property - even if some bureaucrat wants to declare your backyard a wet lands.

Because politicians have long disregarded the limitations of the Constitution, the federal government has exploded in size. It is intrusive, oppressive, and obscenely expensive. And we the people suffer from all its failed programs.

Government doesn't work. Its War on Poverty has expanded poverty. Its War on Drugs has created a huge, illicit drug industry, escalated drug use, and generated a crime wave in every American city.

Still, politicians of both old political parties insist that the next government program will work, will pay for itself, will improve America, will solve some social problem.

But government doesn't work.

THE LIBERTARIAN DIFFERENCE

The overriding question in this Presidential election is: **How can we make the federal government much smaller?**

Democratic and Republican politicians try to pose as supporters of smaller government. But on issue after issue, they still call on government to solve problems.

The differences among them are trivial. But the differences between their positions and those of Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, are as night and day.

1. Reducing Government

Democratic and Republican politicians are both responsible for the over bloated \$1.6 trillion federal government. Republican Presidents and Republican Congresses, Democratic Presidents and Democratic Congresses have all served to make government bigger and bigger and bigger.

With the exception of the retrenchment period after World War II, every President - Republican or Democrat - since Calvin Coolidge has left a government that's bigger than the one he inherited. We have to stop this trend.

Today, with the American public overwhelmingly anti-politician and antigovernment, politicians of both parties try to convince us that they, too, are for "smaller government," "lower taxes," "less regulation." But the specific proposals they make will all lead to bigger government.

* Democratic politicians play games by "reinventing government," even though every reform they propose makes government bigger and more expensive.

* Republican politicians play games by proposing to

close down Departments of the federal government, even though they intend to transfer the functions and expenses of those Departments to other agencies - leaving government just as big as ever.

* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, says government doesn't work - and he wants to remove the federal government immediately and completely from every activity not specified in the Constitution - education, energy, regulation, crime control, welfare, housing, transportation, health care, agriculture, and all the other areas the federal government has stuck its nose into unconstitutionally over the past 60 years.

2. The Income Tax

The enormous tax increases of 1982, 1983, 1990, and 1993 show that neither of the old parties stands for lower taxes. Republican and Democratic politicians alike are quite willing to raise your taxes anytime, on any pretext.

Today they try to convince us that they have changed, that "We are all low-taxers now." But their proposals would only rearrange the existing tax burden. Because they have no concrete plans to reduce government significantly, there is no way they can lower your taxes significantly.

The income tax is the biggest government intrusion into the lives of the American people. It forces every worker to be a bookkeeper, to open his records to the government, to explain his expenses, to fear conviction for a hardness accounting error. Compliance wastes hundreds of billions of dollars. The income tax penalizes savings and creates an enormous drag on the U.S. economy. It is incompatible with a free society.

We must get rid of hundreds of federal programs, but we can't remove them one at a time, because each program has beneficiaries and supporters who will fight us. We can overcome their resistance only by combining all the spending cuts into a single package that includes the largest tax cut in American history - the total repeal of the federal income tax. That way most people can see that they'll save far more in taxes than they lose in subsidies.

By combining the reduction of government with the repeal of the income tax, every voter will know that the price of keeping today's federal programs is to continue paying the income tax. Every voter will know exactly how much he can gain by eliminating the complete package of unconstitutional programs.

But this isn't what politicians of the two old parties want. They like the power that comes from controlling your income.

* Democratic politicians like a progressive income tax that's based on the "ability to pay" - meaning that those who have earned the most by doing the most for others should be penalized the most. But their "progressive" tax rates somehow always hit middle-class Americans the hardest.

* Republican politicians pretend to be helping us by proposing to end the current version of the income tax, and replace it with a giant sales tax - or with a "flat tax" that contains so many wrinkles, it's actually just another progressive tax. But because they aren't reducing government, they are merely rearranging the same oppressive tax burden.

* Harry Browne, the libertarian candidate, wants to end the income tax and abolish the IRS his first year in office and replace them with *nothing*. By reducing the federal government to its Constitutional functions, we can do away with all direct taxes - the income, estate, gift, capital gains, and Social Security taxes - financing national defense and the federal judiciary with the level of tariffs and excise taxes being collected already. Harry Browne makes this offer to every American: Would you give up all your favorite federal programs - such things as farm subsidies, student loans, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and any other programs - in order to be free of the income tax forever? (see note1)

3. Social Security

Social Security is a fraudulent insurance scheme in which the government collects money from you for your retirement and immediately spends the money on something else. All polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans have little hope of getting back a single dollar for the 15% of their wages they're pouring into it.

* Democratic politicians deny what every working American knows: The Social Security system is bankrupt and close to collapse.

* Republican politicians want to keep Social Security afloat through tax increases and benefit reductions - including raising the retirement age, invoking a means

test, and changing the cost of living index on which yearly changes are calculated.

* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, knows the only way to avoid the coming Social Security collapse is to get the government completely out of Social Security. He wants to sell trillions of dollars worth of unneeded federal assets to finance the liquidation of Social Security through the purchase of private retirement annuities for the senior citizens who are dependent on Social Security. These people will have guaranteed contracts with private companies who have never broken their promises - unlike the U.S. Congress. And you will never again have to pay the 15% Social Security tax which is really just throwing pan of your wages down a rathole.

4. Government Spending

In their Alice-in-Wonderland world, when politicians talk about smaller government, they don't mean a government that is actually smaller. They mean a government that is smaller than some hypothetical government that is much larger than today's government. In other words, to a politician, "smaller government" means government that doesn't grow as fast he wants.

* Democratic politicians want a "smaller government" that continues to grow by 4% a year.

* Republican politicians want a "smaller government" that continues to grow by 3% a year.

* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, knows that government doesn't work. He doesn't just want to stop government growth - he proposes slashing the federal budget 50% the first year as a first step.

5. Balanced Budget

An unbalanced budget isn't just a bookkeeping curiosity. Every debt incurred on your behalf by the politicians means you have to pay a larger interest cost every year. Today we are paying \$275 billion a year in interest expense, which means we are continuing to pay for long-since-abandoned, long-forgotten schemes by the politicians of yesterday - schemes that were going to make health care more affordable, that were going to improve education, that were going to clean up the environment. The schemes failed, the politicians retired with generous pensions, and we are left paying the interest expense year after year after year.

We must get rid of that interest expense by retiring the entire federal debt. But first, we must put a stop to the *growing* debt by balancing the budget immediately.

* Republican politicians want to increase federal spending for seven more years, pretending that a future Congress will balance the budget by making spending cuts the current Congress is unwilling to make.

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* Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, plans to balance the budget his first year in office by reducing government spending. He also plans to sell off federal assets - and use the proceeds to pay off the federal debt entirely.

6. Welfare

Prior to the 1960s, the word "welfare" was rarely used in conversation. Instead, people spoke of "charity" - administered by churches, service clubs, foundations, the United Way, and other agencies. "Welfare" was a small department in the back of City Hall somewhere. The notion that someone could be permanently on the dole was virtually unheard of.

Today millions of Americans have been consigned to a lifetime of poverty, dependency, disrespect and hopelessness as permanent wards of the state. The welfare laws, - laws, minimum wage laws, and other regulations discourage them from leaving welfare to become self-supporting citizens. This is what the American people have received for the trillions of their dollars the politicians have wasted on a bizarre plan to have government do away with poverty.

* Democratic politicians have various plans to "reform" welfare, even though every previous welfare reform bill has increased the cost and the number of people on welfare.

* Republican politicians want to send federal welfare

money to the state governments, tied up in a multitude of strings.

- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, knows that federal welfare doesn't work. It has consigned millions of Americans to a life of dependency and despair, and it has cost us trillions of dollars. He wants to end it completely and immediately.

7. Education

There is no Constitutional authority for the federal government to be involved in education in any way whatsoever. The growing amounts of money and control coming from Washington have been matched by lower SAT scores, declining standards, more dangerous schools, and generations of Americans who have no basic education in history, geography, the Constitution, mathematics, science, or literature.

This doesn't bother the politicians, however, because they don't see federal aid to education as a means of raising literacy and knowledge.

- * Democratic politicians want to use federal aid to education as a way to implement their social agenda.
- * Republican politicians want to use federal aid to education as a way to implement their social agenda.
- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, knows that no federal educational program will work, and he wants to get the federal government out of education completely and immediately. The most effective way we can improve education in America is to repeal the income tax, so that you can afford to educate your child your way - in a private school that offers the curriculum you want in a religious school that teaches the values in which you believe, or through home-schooling conducted your way.

8. Crime & the War on Drugs

Before there were drug laws in America, there were no drug problems. And prior to the federal government's declaration of War on Drugs in the 1960s, there were no muggers on the street trying to support a \$100-a-day habit, no pushers on high school campuses trying to hook children on drugs, no gangs fighting over monopoly drug territories, no drive-by shootings, no crack babies, no overdose problems. Outside of the 14 years during alcohol Prohibition, nothing like this had ever been seen in America. It took the War on Drugs to make it happen.

- * Democratic politicians like the War on Drugs just as it is - because they love the power it gives the federal government.
- * Republican politicians want to *accelerate* the War on Drugs - by taking away more of your Constitutional liberties, by taking away more of your privacy, by turning America into more of a police state.
- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, says the War on Drugs is a total failure. Government can't keep drugs out of the country; it can't even keep drugs out of its own prisons. He wants to *end* the insane War on Drugs - which will take the criminal profit out of the illicit drug trade and bring peace to our cities once again. On his first day in office, he will pardon every one who has been convicted of a non-violent federal drug offense - to empty the federal prisons of the marijuana smokers and others who are no threat to society, and make room for the truly violent criminals and other thugs who escape prison through early releases and plea bargains to return to the streets and terrify our citizen.

9. Health Care

Today 51% of all health care dollars in America are spent by government. This has run up the prices of doctor visits, hospital stays, and health insurance - far outpacing the rate of general inflation. Government has failed utterly to make health care more accessible or affordable. But the politicians see this failure as an excuse to impose even more government upon us.

- * Democratic politicians want to remake the American health-care system in the image of the disastrous European systems, attempting to blame government's failures on the free market.
- * Republican politicians pass legislation that will regulate the private health insurance companies out of business, and will lead to the imposition of a "single-payer," Canadian-style health system in America. (See note 2)
- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, says government health care doesn't work and he wants to get government out from between you and your doctor. By

getting the federal government completely out of health care, we will have more choices, better health care, and lower prices for doctor visits, hospital stays, and health insurance.

10. The Federal Judiciary

The American judiciary was supposed to protect the American people from politicians and bureaucrats who wanted to overstep the bounds of the Constitution. Instead, the judiciary has been a main part of the trashing of the Constitution. Judges talk about "penumbras" in the Constitution. They say the Constitution is a living, changing document (which really means that it's a dead, meaningless document). They throw out the Bill of Rights on the grounds that the government has a "compelling interest" in overruling it.

Either the Constitution limits the government or it doesn't.

- * Democratic politicians want the President to appoint judges who will use the law to implement their social agenda.
- * Republican politicians want the President to appoint judges who will use the law to implement their social agenda.
- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, will appoint only judges who consider the Bill of Rights to be a literal, absolute document that allows no exceptions to your right to free speech, freedom of religion, freedom to keep and bear arms, freedom to be secure in your property, safe from search and seizure. He will appoint only judges who take the 9th and 10th amendments seriously, and thus will not tolerate the federal government involving itself in activities not authorized by the Constitution.

11. Personal Values

The Constitution gives the federal government no authority to tell us how to live our lives. However, the politicians will not be restrained. They want to govern every aspect of our existence.

- * Both Democratic and Republican politicians believe that Americans are dysfunctional children who need government to act as their parents. They both seek to impose their values in the most intimate personal and family relationships and admit to no limits on their authority to do so.
- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, respects the right of all Americans to choose and act on their own personal values, to work together in their families and communities to achieve the goals they set for themselves. Americans throughout their history have proven their ability to solve problems their own way, without government interference.

12. Immigration

At one time, America attracted only those from around the world who were seeking freedom - freedom from oppressive governments, freedom to build a future for their families through hard work. Today, America attracts too many people who come here only to take advantage of government welfare benefits.

- * Republican politicians want to solve this problem - created by government - by putting another layer of government on top of it. They want to keep out the productive people along with the freeloaders, they want to build a wall or a ditch along our borders, and they want to beef up the military to patrol the borders.
- * Democrat politicians don't know what they believe on this issue, because the polls aren't conclusive yet.
- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, wants to dismantle the welfare state - which will automatically solve our immigration problems. Once there is no more gravy train, the only people who will want to come here will be those who want the freedom to work and to build a better life for their families.

13. National Defense & Foreign Policy

Our government has spent trillions of dollars on the military since World War U, and yet we are completely vulnerable to the whims of any two-bit dictator who can get his hands on a nuclear missile. And by involving ourselves in a multitude of treaties around the world, we are liable to be drawn into World War II by a petty dispute between third-rate powers.

- * Republican politicians believe we must defend our "national interests" by roaming the world in search of trouble. And, somehow, almost anything that happens

anywhere is cited as a threat to those national interests. Consequently, the Republicans keep us on the brink of trouble at all times.

- * Democratic politicians don't have a clear-cut attitude toward foreign policy. But to prove they're as tough as the Republicans, they put our money and lives on the line in the affairs of other countries all over the world.
- * Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate, will bring American troops home to America at once. He will remove us from the entangling alliances that Thomas Jefferson warned us against. He will see to it that America has a proper defense against any missile attack, so that we will no longer need retaliatory weapons and intimidating military power. We will be far safer than we are now, while spending less money on the military.

DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE THIS YEAR

The overriding issue this election year is *smaller government*.

And on that issue, there is no real difference between the two old parties - no difference that could effect a real improvement in your life now.

Only the Libertarians offers specific, workable, credible proposals to dramatically reduce the size, cost and intrusiveness of government.

For years, you may have wasted your vote - giving it to candidates who have served to make government bigger and bigger. Don't waste your vote again by giving it to candidates like Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, whose entire careers have been devoted to making Big Government bigger.

It's time to make your vote count for a change - time to vote for someone who is determined to make government much smaller now.

If you cast your vote wisely, you can make a difference. But if you don't vote for what you want, you are throwing your vote away.

- * **If you want huge tax cuts now, vote for them now.**
- * **If you want huge spending cuts now, vote for them now.**
- * **If you want a balanced budget now, vote for it now.**
- * **In other words, if you want much smaller government now, vote for Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate for President.**

Stop voting against what you're afraid of, and start voting for what you want.

Vote for the only candidate who has the will and determination to immediately reduce government to a fraction of its size today.

Vote to take back your freedom, to take back your life. Vote to end the income tax and abolish the IRS. Vote to keep your earnings in your hands - to spend, to save, to give away as you see fit.

Vote to affirm your support for the small and limited Constitutional Government given to us by the Founding Fathers.

This year, vote for:

- * Harry Browne for President
- * Libertarians for Congress and the Senate
- * Libertarians in state and local races.

This year, don't waste your vote.

Vote Libertarian

NOTES: Income Tax & Health Care

1. A proposed six-year federal budget showing revenues and expenditures, is laid out in chapter 24 of *Why Government Doesn't Work* by Harry Browne (245 pages, St. Martin's Press, available at any bookstore, \$19.95).

2. The Kennedy-Kassenbaum bill was passed 100-0 in the Senate in May 1996; a similar bill was passed in the House. It compels private insurance companies to issue unprofitable policies - guaranteeing that insurance premiums will rise, leading the politicians to impose price controls, and driving the insurance companies out of business.

7 Things You Can Do This Week to Help Harry Browne Get Into the Presidential Debates

The first Presidential Debate will take place in St. Louis on September 25th. Bob Dole and Bill Clinton will be there.

Will Harry Browne be included in the Presidential Debates?

He just might - if you help now.

If we can get Harry Browne up to at least 7% in the polls, we stand a good chance of getting him included in the 1996 Presidential Debates.

Why 7%?

Harry Browne says, "To be included in the 1996 Presidential debates, I need to reach the same 7% in the polls that Ross Perot had in 1992 just days before he was included in the first Presidential Debate. Just one week after that first debate, Perot was polling 18%, so clearly Americans rely on the Presidential Debates as a way to learn about the candidates and make their choice. I think that a 7% standing in the polls just prior to the debates indicates a potential of 2 to 3 times as much. Enough, in fact, to affect the outcome of the 1996 elections."

To accomplish this, we must dramatically boost name recognition for Harry Browne now. We must publicize Why Government Doesn't Work. We must explain what Harry Browne is proposing and why. And start the drumbeat now for including Harry Browne in the Presidential Debates.

Would you like to help increase Harry Browne's chances of reaching 7% in the Presidential polls?

Would you like to help increase Harry Browne's chances of being included in the Presidential Debates?

There are 7 things you can do this week that will move Harry Browne closer to both.

MONDAY: Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, college newspaper, weekly magazines, or other frequent publications about Harry Browne's Libertarian Presidential Campaign.

1. Use Harry Browne's name several times in your letter. Repetition is the mother of memory. When the national polls call, people need to remember

"Harry Browne".

2. Refer to Why Government Doesn't Work in the letter. Some reader will go to the bookstore and buy it. They may read themselves free.

3. Your letter must focus on one of Harry Browne's core campaign themes:

- "Harry Browne says, 'Government Doesn't Work'"

- "Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne wants to immediately end the Insane War on Drugs - so our streets will be safe again."

- "Libertarian Presidential candidate Harry Browne says, 'Get government entirely out of Social Security. Sell off trillions of dollars of unneeded federal assets and buy private retirement annuities for senior citizens dependent on Social Security.'"

- "Harry Browne, the Libertarian Presidential candidate, wants to end the income tax and abolish the IRS his first year in office and replace them with nothing."

TUESDAY: Call in to talk radio shows to talk up the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign.

1. Pick the Harry Browne core campaign theme that best fits the talk radio discussion:

- "Harry Browne says, 'Government Doesn't Work. Government doesn't deliver the mail on time, its schools don't educate our children, it can't keep our streets safe. Government Doesn't Work.'"

- "Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne wants to immediately End the War on Drugs - which will take the windfall profits out of pushing drugs, remove the incentives for joining gangs, and make our streets safe again."

- "Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne says, 'Get government entirely out of Social Security. Sell off trillions of dollars of unneeded federal assets and buy private retirement annuities for senior citizens dependent on Social Security. End the obscene 15% Social Security Tax that GenXers and Baby Boomers pay for Social Security they'll never get.'"

- "Harry Browne, the Libertarian Presidential

candidate, wants to end the income tax and abolish the IRS his first year in office and replace them with nothing. Every dollar you earn will be yours to spend, to save, to give to your favorite charity or church or cause."

2. Repeat Harry Browne's name several times during your call. Repetition is the mother of memory. When the national polls call, people need to remember "Harry Browne, Libertarian for President."

3. Mention Why Government Doesn't Work during the call. Quote fro it. Some readers will go to their local bookstore and buy it. Harry Browne's book might well win their hearts and minds to individual liberty and self-responsibility.

WEDNESDAY: Post messages about the Harry Browne for President Campaign on computer networks.

1. If you subscribe to CompuServe, America OnLine, or Usenet newsgroups, or have access to other computer forums, you can post messages about Harry Browne under appropriate topic areas. Please follow the same guidelines as for letters and talk radio shows. Talk up Harry Browne's name (try to include it in the subject line), Why Government Doesn't Work, and his core Libertarian Presidential Campaign issues.

2. Respect the charters and guidelines of each forum, but don't "preach to the choir" by limiting your postings to areas already frequented by libertarians. Wherever political or social concerns and the "solutions" touted by establishment politicians are discussed, make sure the readers know about Harry Browne. Pick the Harry Browne core campaign theme that fits best with the subject matter of the forum, and make sure they know there is a Libertarian alternative.

3. When posting messages about Harry Browne online, please also mention:

- The Harry Browne 800 Number: 1-800-682-1776.

- The Harry Browne for President WWW site:

<http://www.HarryBrowne96.org>

- How to get on our e-mail list. Tell them they can subscribe by sending a message to announce-request@HarryBrowne96.org with "subscribe" in the subject line.

THURSDAY: Vote for Harry Browne in every online presidential poll you can find. Ask your friends with computers to vote Harry Browne in these polls, too.

Journalists pay attention to these polls. Some polls are re-started daily, some are re-started monthly - so vote as often as the rules allow.

Here are a few of the polls currently running:

AllPolitics (CNN/Time) Virtual Election

<http://pathfinder.com/cgi-bin/GDML/gdmldb?VirtualElection>

Campaign 96 Online Survey
<http://www.96.com/cgi-96/survey.cgi?>

IPT Virtual Voting Booth
<http://www.ipt.com/vote/vote.htm>

RTIS Cyberpoll
<http://www.rtis.com/nat/poll/cyberpoll/>

Vox Pop Strawpoll (formerly Stardot)
<http://www.voxpop.org/strawpoll/>

Links to these and other polls are listed on the Harry Browne for President WWW site. New polls could start at any time, so check there for an updated list.

FRIDAY: Write a letter to 1 or 2 of the key television interview and talk shows - a few are listed below - and tell them why you think Harry Browne would be interesting to their audiences.

Larry King Live
820 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

The Tom Snyder Show
CNBC
3000 West Alameda Blvd
Burbank, CA 91523

The Charlie Rose Show
WNET-TV
499 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

John MacLaughlin's One on One
Oliver Productions
1211 Connecticut AVE,
N.W., Suite 810

Washington, DC 20036

Tony Brown's Journal
1501 Broadway, Suite 412
New York, NY 10036

SATURDAY: Write to the major Network News Organizations listed below and tell them why you think Harry Browne is newsworthy. Why you think his presence in the Presidential Debates would be good for America. Why you think Harry Browne and the Harry Browne Libertarian

Presidential Campaign would intrigue and interest their viewers. Why you think Harry Browne's Libertarian Presidential Campaign could dramatically affect the Presidential Debates and the Election.

* Put a P.S. at the end of your letter - and ask these news organizations for regular and frequent coverage of the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign, not just a one-time, "see how fair we are" obligatory piece. Ask them for the same level of coverage that they're giving Dick Lamm of the Reform Party.

* If you want to play a little guilt hardball, say, "Harry Browne may get between 5% and 15% of the Presidential vote this year. Will you give Harry Browne 5% to 15% of your total Presidential Campaign Coverage?"

NBC Nightly News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112
e-mail: nightly@news.nbc.com

CBS News
524 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
FAX: 212-975-1893

CNN
One CNN Center,
100 International Blvd
PO Box 105366
Atlanta, GA 30348
FAX: 770-827-1593

ABC News
47 West 66th Street
New York, NY 10023
FAX: 212-456-2213

SUNDAY: Tell 7 people you do business with about the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign. Or 7 people you socialize with.

Tell each one of them, "Harry Browne, the Libertarian Candidate for President says, 'Government Doesn't Work.' Do you agree?"

Ask, "Do you believe your taxes are way too low, just

right, or way too high?"

Ask, "Do you believe we have too little government, just the right amount of government, or too much government?"

Then ask them what Harry Browne calls The Most Important Question In Politics: "Would you be willing to give up all your favorite federal programs, if it meant you'd never have to pay an income tax as long as you live?"

* Tell them What's In It For Them if Harry Browne's in the Presidential Debates.

* Tell them What's In It For Them if they vote for Harry Browne.

* Tell them What's In It For Them if Harry Browne were elected President of the United States.

If you'd like to be an outstanding spokesperson for the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign, frequently refer to Why Government Doesn't Work - especially Chapters 20, 23, and 24.

You can also use Harry Browne's Presidential Campaign Platform as political talking points for your calls, letters, and e-mail postings.

AND: If you want your 7 steps to really make a difference, print out 7 copies of this message for friends, and ask them to do 7 things to get Harry Browne into the Presidential Debates.

These seven small steps could help get Harry Browne into the 1996 Presidential Debates.

These seven small steps could change the political debate for 1996.

These seven small steps could make a difference in America's future.

Harry Browne for President

2600 Virginia Ave. NW,
Suite 100,
Washington DC 20037
Voice: 202-333-0008
Fax: 202-333-0072
E-mail: Campaign@HarryBrowne96.org
WWW site: <http://www.HarryBrowne96.org/>

Are You A Libertarian? Find Out, Take... The Political Position Quiz

Civil Liberties

Yes Maybe No

National

- Government should stay out of health care.
- Law-abiding citizens have a right to keep and bear arms.
- Drug laws do more harm than good, repeal them.
- Massive government programs have failed to make our streets safer.
- The powers of government agencies need to be limited.

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Minnesota

- Juries should be informed of their right to judge a law as unjust.
- Wearing seat belts and motorcycle helmets should be voluntary.
- Voters should be able to vote on referenda and initiatives.
- "None of the above" should be an option on ballot.
- We should be allowed to vote on term limits.

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Economic Freedoms

Yes Maybe No

National

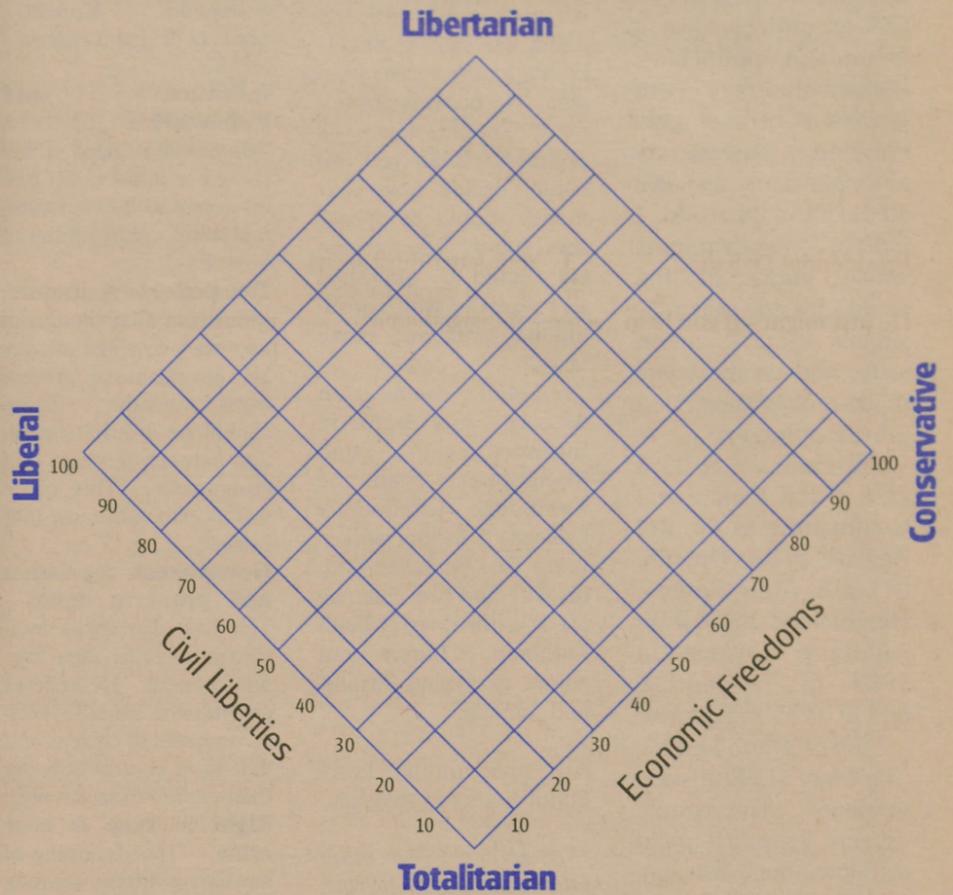
- To cut debt, we need to scale back government spending.
- Consumers benefit from free trade.
- Individuals have a right to privacy.
- The United States Postal Service should be privatized.
- Income Taxes are legalized theft of your earnings.

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Minnesota

- Property taxes should be repealed.
- Placing caps on liability doesn't get to the heart of tort reform.
- Government should respect private property rights.
- We should have choice in education.
- Strict liability should regulate polluters.

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Instructions:

- Yes 10 points
Maybe 5 points
No 0 points

Check your answers then add up your score for Civil Liberties and plot

Civil Liberties

1. National Health Care

Current plans, which call for increasing the role of government in health care, would destroy consumer choice and lead to the rationing of care.

The LP plan, **Project Healthy Choice**, would:

- Establish tax-deductible medical savings accounts.
- Deregulate health care and eliminate mandated benefits.
- Privatize the FDA, Medicare, and Medicaid.

2. Right to Keep & Bear Arms

When the lives and property of individuals are threatened, they have the right to defend themselves and their families. The cause of America's rising tide of violence is the government undermining of American values, not guns. We oppose all laws at any level of government that restrict the ownership, manufacture, transfer, or sale of firearms or ammunition. We are the only political party that supports your right to keep and bear arms 100%!

3. The War on Drugs

In recent years, politicians have diverted law enforcement resources from pursuit of violent offenders toward victimless crimes. Law enforcement should be used against violent criminals and property offenders. Drug addiction is a medical problem, not a criminal problem. We should let addicts seek help, and use prisons not for those with problems, but for those who seek to prey upon others.

4. Rising Crime

Government spending on crime and on anti-poverty programs has increased sixfold since 1960 (in constant dollars), yet our serious crime rate has increased more than 200%. The solution is to hold people responsible for their actions. We need to return our government to its rightful purpose: keeping violent and property offenders behind bars, and leaving the law-abiding free to lead their own lives.

5. Government Agencies

When government agencies make and enforce their own rules, they wield enormous power. The effects of unchecked, unaccountable government agencies have been disastrous. For example, regulations add \$3,000 to the cost of the average new car, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics own data. The Libertarian Party wants to restore the rights our Constitution guarantees.

6. FIJA. (Fully Informed Jury Amendment)

When citizens are asked to serve as jurors, they may be asked to convict someone for an offense that they do not think is wrong (drug possession, for example). The Libertarian Party supports the Fully Informed Jury Amendment, which would require judges to inform juries of their traditional right to decide the rightness or wrongness of the law in the given case, as well as the guilt or innocence of a person relative to the law.

7. Seat Belt/ Helmet Laws

Laws regarding the mandatory use of seat belts and motorcycle helmets infringe upon the rights of citizens to decide for

themselves how much risk is appropriate for themselves. Many motorcycle enthusiasts feel that helmets increase their danger, because they block vision and reduce hearing. Individuals have the right to determine the level of their own safety.

8. Referendum & Initiative

When voters think they can make a difference, they will take the time to do just that. It's time that legislators asked voters to express their opinion in referenda and initiatives. This means that government will finally have to listen to the voters, rather than giving lip service to them. Voters will be able to make a difference about the issues that matter to them the most.

9. None of the Above

Many voters will look at their ballots this year and discover they do not like any of the candidates that are available to them. The Libertarian Party supports the addition of an alternative "none of the above is acceptable" to all ballots. In the event that "none of the above" wins, the elective office for that term will remain unfilled and unfunded.

10. Term Limits

Incumbent legislators have access to a wide array of perks and privileges that make it extremely difficult for a newcomer to challenge them successfully. While the Libertarian Party of Minnesota does not take a stand on terms limits directly, it believes that Minnesotans should have the right to choose their form of government. The LPMN supports the rights of citizens to vote on this important issue.

Economic Freedoms

1. National Debt

The federal government spends \$1.5 trillion annually. Government at all levels now spends roughly half of our gross domestic product. Most of the expenditure is financed through taxation, with the remainder financed through the sale of government debt. The only way to cut the national debt and to reduce our tax burdens is to scale back spending.

2. International Trade

When taxes and tariffs are placed on imports, the whole U.S. economy suffers because people have to pay higher prices for the goods they want, and have less money left over for savings or to buy additional goods. Consumers and industry, not the government, should determine what is a fair price for goods and services.

3. Right to Privacy

The Clinton administration recently proposed a "general purpose" identification card for every American. The proposed "U.S. Card" would have enough magnetic storage space for health care, financial, tax, and other personal data. The Libertarian Party defends the right of individuals to retain their privacy. Instead of spying on the law-abiders, the government should focus on protecting our rights.

4. Postal Service

The U.S. Postal Service operates as a government-sanctioned monopoly. Under this system, "service" is slow, expensive, and

likely to become only slower and more expensive in the future. The success of private services such as Federal Express have shown that a competitive system works. It's time we allowed the American people access to a mail delivery system that truly offered value and service to its customers.

5. Income Tax

Americans currently pay one of every three dollars of their income in taxes. The average American family now pays almost \$6,000 in federal income taxes, double the 1950 amount in constant dollars. The Libertarian Party advocates systematically replacing taxation with a contractual means of financing the government services which individuals want. Only individuals can rightfully decide how their money can be spent.

6. Property Taxes

Property owners have the full right to control, use, dispose of, and enjoy their property without interference unless the exercise of their control infringes the valid rights of others. When property owners are forced to pay taxes to the State, they no longer have control over their property, but instead, rent it from the government. The Libertarian Party wants to put an end to taxation of privately owned property.

7. Tort Reform

Tort reform must involve more than just placing caps and limits on liability, which does nothing to slow the rate at which new lawsuits are being filed, and does not address the content of these suits. While citizens have the right to seek compensation for wrongs done to them, they should also be held responsible for the damage they do to others. Losers of a lawsuit (plaintiff or defendant) should pay all legal costs incurred by both parties and the court. This would discourage frivolous lawsuits.

8. Property Rights

The state government owns 27% of Minnesota land, and wants to control even more. In the 1994 legislative session, it was proposed that the state government control all land use planning throughout Minnesota. The LPMN fights for your right to use your own property. Instead of its current policy of closing off access to property—from the boundary waters to the River Warren—the state should divest its enormous property holdings.

9. Public Schools

The public school system is failing to educate our children adequately. The Libertarian Party calls for the privatization and deregulation of schools. We advocate tax credits for any individual or business sponsoring education, and support open enrollment and expansion of Minnesota's charter school program. Home schooling has the full and unqualified support of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

10. Pollution

Pollution of other people's property is vandalism. Strict liability, not government agencies and arbitrary standards, should regulate pollution. We advocate repealing the laws that prevent full ownership of the air and water above and below land which deny individuals protection against polluters. Private property rights must replace the lack of responsibility that comes with public property.

Carlton from page 1

liberties and your right to keep what you earn," promises Carlton. "I want my future child to live in a free America and not be chained by 85% tax rates because of incumbent politician's irresponsibility. Paul Wellstone believes government bureaucrats and politicians can solve all the ills of the world. I believe governments cause many of the world's ills and that individuals using common sense and on the scene of the problems can best provide solutions."

Carlton is a Detachment Commander at the 3rd Brigade, 84th Division (IT), U.S. Army Reserve. He obtained a B.A. from Augsburg College in 1983 in Accounting, and in 1985 in Finance.

Roy Carlton and his wife Mary are Burnsville residents. The couple expects their first child in September. You can e-mail the candidate at RCarl10353@aol.com & 104767.653@CompuServe.Com

Fuhol from page 1

the benefits of competition to monopolistic government schools. He believes that bureaucratic farm programs harm farmers. Larry Fuhol respects your property rights. He believes in governing locally versus from afar. He believes government should keep its promises. "Only you can rightly decide how your money should be spent," says Fuhol. The income tax should be abolished and replaced with constitutional tariffs and excise taxes."

Fuhol holds an Associate Arts degree in Business and Management from the Cambridge Community College. A factory worker, Larry lives in Isanti with his wife and two children. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church and enjoys gardening, fishing, and hunting.

An anonymous Larry Fuhol supporter suggests:

"Remember November 5th when you go to vote, don't vote for an elephant or a mule, vote for Larry Fuhol."

Knoedler from page 1

Minnesotans to be self-governors. "Common sense and local control can solve many of our problems if government would just get out of the way," comments Knoedler. Some of his main concerns include:

Initiative and Referendum

"Minnesotans need a bill passed to allow direct ballot access to decide issues, including constitutional questions."

Tax policy - "Amend the Minnesota Constitution, if necessary, to eliminate any tax favoritism or government subsidy. There should be a strict separation between business and government. This alone would eliminate most lobbyists."

Government regulation and property rights - Tim Knoedler trusts individuals to order their lives and property. He believes government should keep its promises to citizens and that local control is better than control from far away.

Right to keep & bear arms - "The disarming of law abiding citizens is wrong and un-constitutional. I take your 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms very seriously."

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Norwegian immigrant, was raised on a small cattle ranch in south central Montana, and spent one year at the U.S. Naval Academy before deciding that he wasn't compatible with large bureaucracies. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1971.

Medical care: "I will attempt to end all medical insurance mandates and state funding of medical care. This is what has caused our skyrocketing medical costs."

Education: "We need a constitutional amendment returning funding and total control of public schools to the local level. Education must either once again become a community effort or a private effort."

Campaign finance reform: "Eliminate as many campaign finance and spending laws as possible. Only a candidate can truly understand what an outrageous impediment to free speech the major parties have erected."

Osnes has been married 24 years to Judy. They have a daughter and a son. The candidate has owned and operated Kolorkraft, Inc., a portrait photography company and professional photo lab for 24 years.

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our lives. It seems that nearly everything you do here requires a license or permit. The state controls our access to health care, decides what gasoline we can buy and sets up check-points on our roads and trails. I resent being presumed stupid, ignorant and guilty by incumbent politicians. I am quite capable of governing myself and helping my neighbor without any busy-body bureaucrats dictating how I should live. Only the Libertarian Party respects my intelligence and trusts me to do the right thing voluntarily," points out Jonathan Wirth.

The 36-year-old bachelor is a programmer/analyst for Green Tree Financial Corporation of St. Paul. The White Bear Lake resident graduated from Alexander Ramsey High School in Roseville in 1978, and received a B.A. in Computer Science/Math from the University of Minnesota in 1984.

He is a member of the Lakewood Symphony Orchestra, the Central Baptist Church of St. Paul, and National Off-road Bicycle Association licensed rider.

Wirth grew up in Falcon Heights. He has worked at HED Cycling Products in White Bear Lake, as a consultant to IBM, and from 1984-1988 worked at TRW and McDonnell Douglas.

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dependency has helped destroy the inner cities' property and people. He loves his neighborhood and wants to preserve it. "As an owner of a small apartment building I understand the problems of renters and owners." He supports ending the disastrous "War on Drugs" and urges de-criminalization. "Take the profit out of illegal drugs. Crime levels went down after Alcohol Prohibition ended, they will after Drug Prohibition ends too."

Odden graduated from Mound High School in Mound, Minnesota, and holds a B.A. in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota.

He is a member of Triangle Fraternity, American Society of Safety Engineers Construction Division, Outwoods, North Star Rodeo Association and the Powderhorn Community Landuse Committee.

He founded the Objectivist Club at the University of Minnesota and is employed by Liberty Mutual Group as a business safety consultant. The Minneapolis resident has lived in Minnesota most of his life.

A skeptic's view of the convention

Impressions of the 1996 Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention...

by a new party member

By Robert Smith

I know that some readers would have loved to be able to attend the Convention in Washington over the 4th of July, and I know that some of those readers deserved to be a delegate more than I did. I also know that some of you are inactive members as I was before the convention. As a 30-year Objectivist, I hoped that going to the convention would help me discover whether this party was really worth spending significant effort and time on.

I had wondered...

"Is this just another group of idealists without a chance of making a difference?"

"Is this really a National political party, or just a bunch of disorganized individuals?"

"Are the ideals I've read from the Libertarians real... do they believe, or just mouth slogans?"

"Is it possible that this party could become a serious agent for major political changes?"

I certainly had doubts, but the potential value of

discovering that the answers to these questions might be positive was strong enough to get me out from behind my PC... so, once again, Mr. Smith went to Washington.

Like you perhaps, regardless of the ideals involved, I still do not want to spend my time unless I think there is a decent possibility of achieving some of those ideals. For those of you who may have the same doubts and questions, I want to give you my honest, critical impressions of the answers I found at the convention.

Consistency of principles

As I talked to other delegates, listened to both public and individual conversations, and read literature from various sources, I was both surprised and delighted to discover that there was remarkable consistency in the personal beliefs of this large group of people. As an Objectivist, I insist on the importance of an integrated consistent set of beliefs, and I found myself among hundreds of people who almost all make the same demand of themselves and of others. As one speaker indicated, Libertarians could have safely nominated almost

anyone in the room and been satisfied that their own beliefs would not be violated by that nominee. The Libertarian Party is self-described as the *Party of Principle*, and the delegates, at least, not only mean it, they take it very seriously.

Politics, in-fighting and other shenanigans

I would be less than honest if I didn't report that I saw actions I didn't approve of. There certainly were individuals with personal agendas to promote. It was obvious that some delegates had powerful ambitions to promote their own status within the party, and wasted some convention time in self-aggrandizement. There were moments of contentiousness from individuals and small groups. There were some nit-picky disagreements over the semantics of certain platform planks. For the most part, the presiding party Chairman and the body of delegates were willing and even insistent on giving everyone a chance to voice their opinion... unless and until it became apparent that the speakers' motives were something other than seriously improving the platform. In those cases

where that *did* become apparent, the body would move to a voice vote and often loudly and emphatically overrule the minority opinion. I believe that few, if any, minority opinions were trampled on.

Principles versus Politics

It was obvious that, within the party, a great many members are concerned about the party becoming politically strong by appealing to voters at the expense of principles. This concern caused disagreements... as it *should*. The party has strong, principled positions on most "hot" current political/social issues such as children's rights, and gay/lesbian rights. There was some general disagreement about whether the rights of these groups should be specifically addressed in the platform, since the rights of all people are covered and clearly defined in the party Statement of Principles, and because there is not total agreement on all of the real-life aspects of these issues... e.g., *at what age do children acquire full rights as individuals?* There are members who seem to view themselves as *guardians of the principles*... watching to make

sure the party does not cater to public opinion, or popularity at the expense of those principles.

Party Organization

The Libertarian Party seems to be healthy at both national and local levels. State parties are obviously at differing levels of strength, but most seem quite determined to grow. There was minor disagreement about whether it is more important to spend party money and effort at the national level or on grass-roots growth, but there nevertheless seems to be consensus that all levels of the party are important to future growth and political success. The point was made repeatedly that there is a huge number of people who agree with our principles, but who either are not aware of the party, or who do not believe the party can make a difference... and that the party's major task is to solve those problems.

I was impressed by many aspects of the convention... that there was great respect shown for those people who have helped the party grow over its 25-year history... that delegates were concerned about all issues, not just a few... that delegates had fun while

still taking convention business seriously... and that delegates enjoyed each other's company and conversation. This is a party that, has *no* respect for compromise, and that really intends to revolutionize the political structure.

This is a party that is truly united... united by clear and common principles. I believe it is a party that will continue to grow, and may experience large growth over the next year. I expect that Harry Browne's campaign will add to the party's visibility and credibility. I now believe that it is a party that is **absolutely worthy of effort and support** by anyone who agrees with its principles and platform. I believe that the Libertarian Party will become recognized as the third political alternative... soon... and perhaps this year. I also came away convinced that each individual member is important. I want to add my voice to urge all party members to become as active as they are able to. **This party can lead our country back toward respect and protection of individual liberty.**

(See page 4 for photographs)

Include Harry Browne in presidential debates, urge newspapers

WASHINGTON, DC - The demands are getting louder: Include Harry Browne in the presidential debates.

Over the past several weeks, three newspapers and two influential political columnists have urged that Libertarian Party candidate Harry Browne be invited to go head-to-head against Bill Clinton and Bob Dole in the televised presidential debates in September and October.

"As a party, the Libertarians have clearly earned inclusion in those debates. The fledgling Reform Party has not," editorialized the Denver Post on July 11th. "It would be fair to set 1996 debates between Clinton, Dole, and Browne as representatives of the only parties to meet the present yardsticks for national recognition."

The Times Herald-Record in Middletown, New York agreed: "Browne, an investment advisor and political novice, [is] the presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party. He would like to elevate his party to a status that gives it an invitation to the presidential debates, as Perot managed in 1992. That would be interesting. [His] presence at the debate table would make for a livelier, perhaps more meaningful, discussion." (July 9th)

Washington Post political columnist Colman McCarthy, syndicated in 26 newspapers, urged Browne's inclusion - even if Republicans and Democrats balk.

"Harry Browne, well-spoken and not sponging off the taxpayers, deserves a place at whichever forum hosts Clinton-Dole debates," he wrote on July 13th. "To keep out the Libertarian would be yielding to the might of the two main parties..."

The Sunday Review in Hayward, California noted approvingly that Browne would bring "new ideas" to the debate.

"Members of the Libertarian Party want to be invited to this year's presidential debates, and we think they belong there," the newspaper wrote on July 14th. "We invite those who present presidential candidates to the American public to open the door wider. It is time for new ideas in the United States..."

And columnist Joseph Perkins at the San Diego Union-Tribune suggested that if Browne was invited to the debates, he would "win converts to the Libertarian Party" - and could catapult the Libertarians into major party status.

"By the next presidential election, in 2000, the Democrats and Republicans might very well find the Libertarians a third party to be reckoned with," he wrote on July 19th.

Browne, expected to be on the ballot in all 50 states by November, is leading the charge of up to 1,000 Libertarian Party candidates running for office in 1996.

STOP THE BROWNE OUT!

CITIZEN PETITION TO THE COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

We the undersigned citizens of the U.S.A. respectfully petition the Commission on the Presidential Debates to include the Libertarian Party candidates for President: Harry Browne, and Vice-President: Jo Jorgensen, in this fall's Presidential Debates. Mr. Browne and Ms. Jorgensen are credible and serious candidates, and will be on the ballot in all 50 states. They deserve the opportunity to be heard in the debate by the American people.

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MAIL TO: Gene Trosper "Stop the Browne Out" PO BOX 1077 Wildomar, CA 92595
MAIL PETITIONS BY: September 10, 1996 hitech@augusta.net

Please xerox copies as needed

Upcoming events

Libertarian Party of Minnesota

Thursday Aug 22 - Labor Day Sept 2
LPMN Booth at Minnesota State Fair, on the first floor of the Grandstand

Sunday September 22
"Meet the Candidates" Family Picnic

Tuesday November 5
General Election

Libertarian World Wide Web

Sites:

Libertarian Party of Minnesota's World Wide Web (WWW) Home Page is at:

<http://www.cris.com/~bwjass/lpmn>

National Libertarian Party World Wide Web site:
<http://www.lp.org/lp/>

Online Libertarian Party News:
<http://www.lp.org/lp/lpn/>

Libertarian State Party Information:
<http://www.lp.org/lp/lp-aff.html>

Online Libertarian Party Platform:
<http://www.lp.org/lp/platform/>

Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates:
<http://www.lp.org/lp/lp-cand-pres.html>

Libertarian Party 1996 Presidential Nominating Convention:
<http://www.lp.org/lp/lp-conv.html>

World's Smallest Political Quiz:
<http://www.self-gov.org/lp-quiz.shtml>

Weekly TV Show

LIBERTY

The Libertarian Party of Minnesota's 1/2 hour cable access show on Metro Cable Network (MCN) Channel 6. Weekly on Sundays at 11:30 AM (repeated at 4:00 PM on Sundays)

