



Stern gets nomination

Radio talk show star Howard Stern, 40, won the Libertarian Party of New York's gubernatorial nomination on April 23 at the state convention in Albany.

Stern garnered 287 of the 381 delegate votes to receive the nomination on the first ballot.

"I am honored to be the Libertarian candidate," Stern said. "For any of you who have doubts about me—I am serious. I am in this to win."

"I'm taking this all the way to the Governor's Mansion," he said.

Stern defeated four other Libertarian gubernatorial candidates. Their vote totals were: James Ostrowski, 34; Norma Segal, 24; Dottie Lou Brokaw, 22; and Joe Brennan, 10. A few other candidates also received single votes, and one vote was cast for "none of the above."

More than 130 media representatives and their support personnel attended the convention, representing more than 50 news organizations. Crews from the cable television "Comedy Central" network also covered the convention, and later broadcast several specials on the event.

Although the convention was described by some in attendance as chaotic, Don Ernsberger, a Libertarian Party national committee member, said, "I personally found the typical 'Stern supporter' to be both more libertarian and more well behaved than I had expected. Howard Stern also impressed many as being more serious and concerned with LP growth than expected."

After his nomination, Stern announced that his can-

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Karl Hess

1923-1994

By **RANDY LANGHENRY**

Karl Hess, often described as the "most beloved libertarian," died April 22. He was 70.

Hess was editor of the Libertarian Party NEWS from 1986-1990 and afterward served as editor emeritus. He was the author of more than a dozen books, including "Dear America," "Community Technology," and "Capitalism for Kids," and was the subject of a 26-minute documentary entitled "Karl Hess: Toward Liberty." The film won two Oscars in 1981, including one for best short documentary. In 1964 he was the chief speechwriter for the Barry Goldwater presidential campaign.

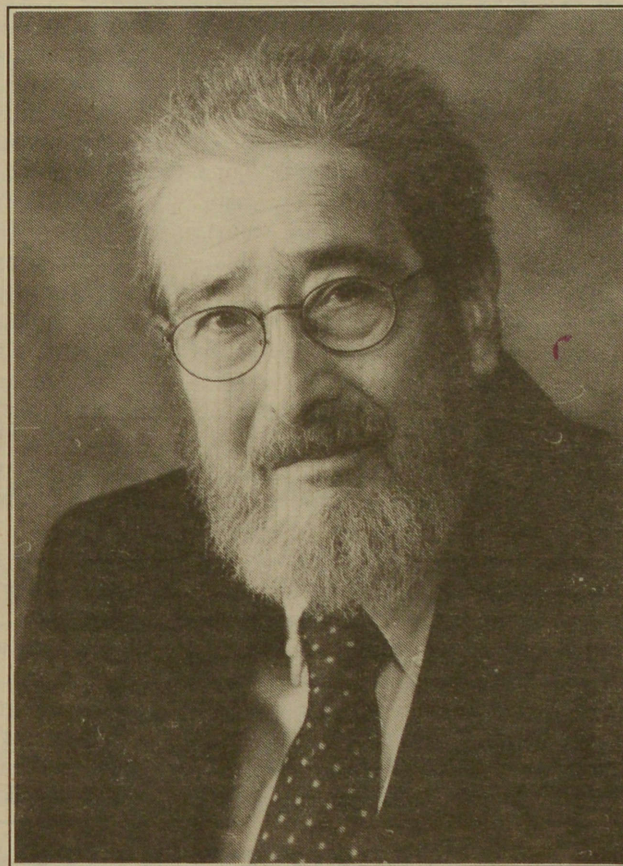
Hess was born in Washington, DC, in 1923, the son of Josef Karl Hess and Thelma Snyder Hess. He was raised by his mother whom he later described as "the most unforgettable libertarian I ever met."

Hess never finished high school, but was often described as one of America's most original thinkers. "I loved education," Hess said in a 1976 interview with Playboy magazine, "which is why I spent as little time as possible in school." As a teenager, at 15 in fact, Hess went to work as a journalist—as a radio news writer for the Mutual Broadcasting System. By age 22, he was the assistant city editor at The New York Daily News, a position he was fired from within a year for refusing to write the obituary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. "When [FDR] died I refused an order to work on the obituary stories extolling his Presidency," Hess later wrote. "I regarded his regime as social fascism then and I still do."

Hess then held a number of writing jobs, including news editor of Aviation Weekly magazine.

In 1948, Hess began speech writing for the Republican National Committee. He was then hired as press editor for Newsweek magazine, a position he held for five years. During the 1950s and 1960s, Hess wrote speeches for "every major Republican"—Richard Nixon, Dwight Eisenhower, Gerald Ford, Barry Goldwater—and even a

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► **Karl Hess: His words**

A-Z Cuts

Rep. Zellif (R-NH) seeks LP support

The Libertarian Party has been asked to lobby for the "A-Z Spending Cut Plan" by the office of one of the plan's congressional sponsors. The bill could potentially slash billions of dollars from the federal budget.

"This is a bill that every Libertarian can support. It does nothing but reduce federal spending," said National Director Steve Dasbach. "But we need the help of every Libertarian Party member to get it passed."

The "A-Z Spending Cut Plan"—sponsored by Rep. Bill Zellif (R-NH) and Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ)—is being stonewalled by Speaker of the House Tom Foley, who claimed the bill would turn the House into a "three-ring circus." Rep. Zellif and Rep. Andrews are now trying to rally public support for the bill and put pressure on members of Congress to sign a "discharge petition" to force the bill onto the floor of the House.

The LP got involved in the battle when Chip Griffin, legislative assistant to Rep. Zellif, called the national head-

quarters on May 11 to ask for help.

"Zellif's people had been in touch with the LP of New Hampshire, which has already come out publicly in support," said LP Director of Communications Bill Winter, who took the call. "Now Zellif wants to enlist the clout of the national Libertarian Party—because he knows we're a nationwide organization with real grassroots power. I told him we would do everything we could to help."

National Director Perry Willis said, "This is an excellent opportunity to become a more serious player in Washington politics. As far as I know, the national LP has never been asked for help by a U.S. congressman before. It's a sign of the increasing visibility and respect for the party."

The "A-Z Spending Cut Plan" consists of two parts:

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Act now!

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You can hit only what you aim at

On April 22 of this year, the libertarian movement lost one of its greatest champions, Karl Hess. In many ways, Karl embodied the heart and soul of the Libertarian Party. He embraced tolerance and caring for others with a passion equal to that with which he embraced his libertarian ideals.

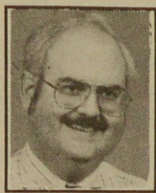
Karl was a principal author of the 1960 and 1964 Republican platforms. He was Barry Goldwater's speechwriter during Goldwater's presidential campaign, wrote for Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, and was an early contributor to National Review. He stood at the pinnacle of power.

Yet he chose to walk away from a bright future within the Republican Party to join the Libertarian Party. Why?

Henry David Thoreau said it best: "In the long run men hit only what they aim at." Karl chose to aim at the bull's eye of what he knew was right. He joined the Libertarian Party.

For over 20 years, the Libertarian Party has chosen principle over power. We've chosen to aim at the bull's eye of what we know is right, knowing that's the only way we'll ever succeed in hitting it.

For example, we've consistently called for an end to the government's War on Drugs. In the face of attacks and ridicule, we've continued to stand up for what we know is right. And now, after more than 20 years in the political wilderness, we're finally beginning to see the payoff. Ending



From the Chair

Steve Dasbach
National Chair

drug prohibition is becoming part of mainstream political debate. By aiming at what we knew was right, we now stand a real chance of hitting it.

Contrast our actions with those of the NRA. For years, the NRA has refused to acknowledge the existence of Libertarian candidates. They have endorsed Republicans, whose opposition to gun control was lukewarm at best, over Libertarians who were committed to the right to keep and bear arms. They have tried to defend the Second Amendment by talking about hunting and target shooting. And, over the past few months, they have seen the Brady Bill become law, and a ban on "assault weapons" pass in both the House and the Senate.

They have failed to stop the erosion of the Second Amendment because they have accepted the lies that are the foundation of conventional wisdom:

- You can do good only if you have political power.
- You can't change anything unless you're on the inside.
- To get along, you've got to go along.

• It's always better to support the "lesser of two evils."

They haven't aimed at what they really wanted—to fully restore the right to keep and bear arms. And you can't hit what you don't aim at.

We're seeing the same thing in the debate over the Omnibus Crime Bill, which the assault weapons ban was an amendment to. Driven by polls showing that crime is now the single-most important issue to American voters, politicians are now rushing to show themselves "tough" on crime. Yet the current approach to criminal justice has clearly failed.

Years of anti-crime bills and tough talk by politicians have:

- reduced our personal police protection;
- created an indirect system of price supports for drug pushers;
- set habitually violent criminals free to harm more innocent victims;
- corrupted America's police departments;
- bred disrespect for the law;
- trampled the Bill of Rights;
- squandered billions of the taxpayers' dollars; and
- left us all more fearful and less safe than we have ever been before.

Yet, our political leaders continue to push for more of the same: Policies that seem tough, but fail to address the real causes of

crime; that fill our prisons with non-violent offenders guilty of consensual or victimless crimes, while releasing violent criminals back onto our streets; and curtailing the civil liberties of law-abiding citizens, including ever more gun control.

Libertarians understand that you can hit only what you aim at. That's why we've developed a Libertarian anti-crime package—Operation Safe Streets.

Our current criminal justice system focuses on a contest between the criminal and the state (the government). But, the idea that crimes are committed against the state is a legal fiction. Crimes are committed against real people. A system that treats victims as just another piece of evidence to be evaluated and then discarded is wrong.

Operation Safe Streets includes concrete proposals to make our communities safe again right now—and empower citizens, not government bureaucrats. It proposes ending Prohibition, especially the War on Drugs, as a way to reduce crime and violence. And, it recognizes that gun ownership deters crime and violence, and thus it calls for the repeal of gun control laws.

By aiming at what we want, at what our principles tell us is right, we stand the best chance of achieving it. Karl Hess understood that well. He also understood that success is achieved one small step at a time.

In the first issue of LP NEWS that he edited, Karl wrote: "... My community, however, is the community of all who love liberty. The orientation is not, I feel, offensive to either reason or liberty. It does mean that it is of particular interest to me to receive and to report information having to do with Libertarian Party activities at the local level. It is at that level that impressive Libertarian Party successes have been recorded already and it is at that level that, day by day, Libertarian Party members carry on impressive work. It is the level upon which Libertarians can build a record from which actions at the state, regional, and national levels gain credibility. Just as a picture is said to be worth a thousand words, so is a practical demonstration of liberty in action worth many a claim in the abstract."

Throughout his life, Karl shared in our struggle to extend liberty. I can think of no more fitting tribute to his memory than for each of us to rededicate ourselves to carrying that struggle forward. Each small victory, each "practical demonstration of liberty in action," will be part of Karl Hess' legacy to this party, and to the ideal of liberty which he held so dear.

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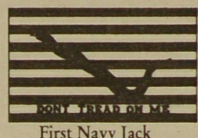
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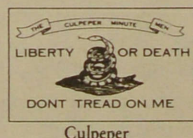
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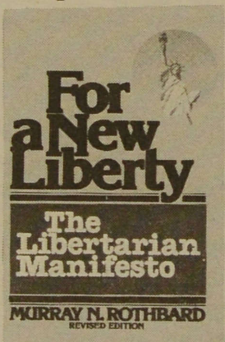
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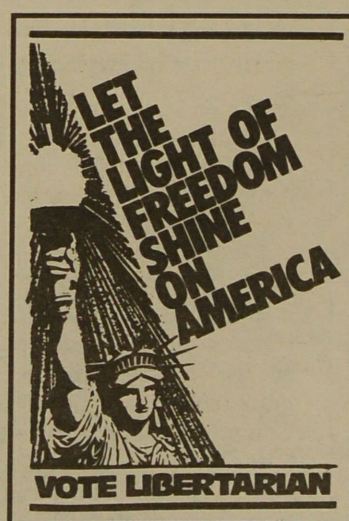
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LP says Congress trying to revoke Second Amendment

"The so-called assault weapons ban passed by the U.S. Congress is an unconstitutional attempt to revoke the Second Amendment by the installment plan," charged the chairman of the Libertarian Party.

Stephen Dasbach, head of America's third-largest political party, said, "Congress continues to chip away at the Second Amendment, using scare tactics and lies to disarm the American public and reduce our Constitutionally protected freedoms. This bill is only the latest tragic example."

Dasbach said he was disappointed that

members of Congress—those who voted for the bill, and even many of those opposed to it—didn't seem to understand the true purpose of the Second Amendment.

"The Second Amendment isn't about your right to go hunting, or even your right to defend your family—although both are important. No, the Founding Fathers of this nation wrote the Second Amendment to ensure that the American people never lost control of their government; to serve as

the last bulwark of freedom against tyranny. The Bill of Rights recognizes that an armed citizenry is essential to a free society."

Noting that 38 Republicans voted for the bill, Dasbach said, "This proves once and for all that the Republican Party cannot be trusted to defend the Second Amendment. Any gun owner who continues to vote for Republicans is living in a fantasy world. They sold you out on the Brady Bill, and

they sold you out on this bill, too. Only Libertarians will consistently vote to uphold the Second Amendment—100 percent of the time."

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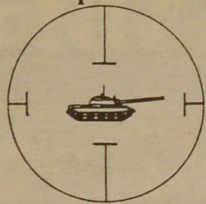
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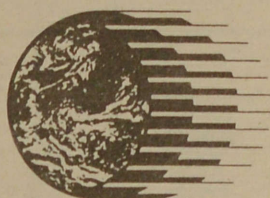
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Colorado

State chair **David Aitken** took on representatives from the Republican, Democratic, Communist, Colorado Taxpayers, and United We Stand, America parties at a "Town Hall Meeting" in Denver recently. The three-hour event was sponsored by radio station KNUS and was broadcast live on the radio.

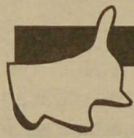
According to reports, Aitken consistently scored points by espousing individual liberty, personal responsibility, the right to keep and bear arms, privatization of schools, and other Libertarian ideals. The representatives of the Taxpayers and United We Stand, America parties also fared well, but the Democrat, Republican, and Communist "were clearly on the defensive throughout," according to reports.

Florida

The state party is doing a terrific job for Project Health Choice. Florida is the only state so far to reproduce the entire Project Healthy Choice package.

"It is important for state affiliates to support National when we get the chance," said **Edward Reasor**, LPF at-large director. "And this is one helluva good chance."

The LPF mailed 150 copies of the package to reporters in print, radio, and television across the state. The state party kept



National pulse

News from the states

150 copies in reserve to hand out to state party candidates and activists, who can then make additional copies to hand out at rallies and for outreach.

"The package is a very positive outreach tool," stated **Brian Dietz**, a member of the state party executive committee. "When the printer read our package he agreed with it so much he decided to do the printing run at his cost."

The LP has received 11 newspaper articles, four radio interviews, and two television mentions based on the PHC package, so far. One radio interview ran for three hours.

In addition, the state party held four rallies across the state to promote the LP's health care solutions.

On April 7, Rep. Dan Miller (D-FL) debated the LP on the health care issue. A standing-room-only crowd of several hundred warmly received the Libertarian plan, while at one point the congressman was actually booed. A large group of media representatives covered the debate.

Maryland

LP members made their presence known during a visit to Baltimore by Hillary

Rodham Clinton, who was in town to push her (or is it her husband's?) health care plan.

Earle Pearce, **Jim McLaughlin**, and **Tony Spezio** picketed outside the meeting, while **Art Oslund**, **Lorenzo Gaztanaga**, and **Susan Gaztanaga** joined a packed hall of more than 800 people to hear Ms. Clinton and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala.

Although the Libertarians were not allowed to participate in the discussion, their presence was well covered by the news media. Oslund was interviewed at length by an Associated Press reporter and also got a sound bite on a local television news program. "As a Libertarian, I believe a free market is the best mechanism for controlling health care costs," Oslund said.

The Libertarians picketing outside the hall also received coverage on a local television news program, with both interviews and shots of their signs—"Hillary hellth care is like friendly fire."

"Experiences such as this and our demonstration at City Hall two months ago (see April 1994 NEWS)," said Susan Gaztanaga, "have shown that by simply being there when major events are taking place, we can often find an opportunity to get the Libertarian name out to the public and solidify our position as the only party that stands unequivocally for both personal and economic freedom."

Michigan

The LP of West Michigan recently announced a petition drive to place an initiative on the ballot in November that would limit the city of Grand Rapids' ability to form new enterprise funds without voter approval. **Edwin Haas** said the city's interest payments on bonds backing funds for projects like water and sewer grew from \$2 million in 1981 to about \$14 million last year.

"That's virtually the only thing in the city budget that has grown," said Haas. "We want to make sure they can't just arbitrarily commit the city to that kind of future debt without a vote of the people." About 6,000 signatures will be needed to place the initiative on the ballot.

Oregon

State chair **Richard P. Burke** won a seat on the Terra Linda Elementary School Local School Committee by a vote of 533 to 105 in a mail-in election. Burke listed his Libertarian experience in his campaign material. The committee meets at least nine times per year and advises the school principal on a variety of issues and controls the use of school facilities by outside groups. According to Burke, non-partisan offices are a way for Libertarians to build credibility and a political base while injecting Liber-

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"Behind Your Back: What Do Other People Really Say About You & Your Libertarian Ideas?"

"Dear Michael,

"Behind Your Back: What do the people you talk to really say about you and your Libertarian ideas? After I leave a conversation and walk out of the room, what do they really say about me and my Libertarian ideas?"

"This question has been bugging me since 1991. In 1993, I bought your *Essence of Political Persuasion* tapes. Within 14 days, the people I talked with started asking me to tell them more about libertarianism, agreeing with me more often and treating me nicer. I got compliments!

"Okay, to my face, people seemed to react dramatically better when I used your Political Persuasion formats and approaches. But what were they really saying behind my back?"

"I decided to put your tapes to the test. I and two libertarian friends (one woman and one man) started regularly attending libertarian events, meetings and speeches. We also went to "mixed" parties (Parties that had libertarians and non-libertarians). We'd split up, and eavesdrop (Yeah, spy!) on conversations. We were listening for libertarians who were presenting libertarianism or arguing it. We just listened and waited until the libertarian left the group. Then we naively asked the non-libertarians what they thought of the ideas and how they felt about the libertarian who just left.

"Then we did the same thing with me using your *Essence of Political Persuasion* and one of my friends standing quietly by during my comments and discussion. I'd excuse myself. Then, after I left, my friend would innocently ask what the non-libertarian listeners thought of my ideas and how they felt toward me.

"We did this **Behind-The-Back Test** at 41 different gatherings, with 74 different (unsuspecting) libertarians (including 6 nationally known libertarians) in 138 different conversations. We did the **Behind-The-Back Test** with me using your Persuasion methods at the same 41 gatherings, in 87 different conversations.

"I mainly used your 'Political Cross-Dressing', 'Intellectual Judo', 'Rapport Recipes' and 'Words Are Weapons, Words Are Tools'.

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Name Withheld, Los Angeles, CA

Divorced Mother Gets Job

"Dear Michael,

"...although I have been a homemaker for the last eight years, my divorce made it necessary for me to go back to work. Whenever I felt like 'Why Me?' or 'It isn't fair!', I'd listen to your Self-Responsibility tape, and start making choices and taking action.

"I used your rapport techniques, 'Intellectual Judo' and 'Isolate the Concern' to get a job selling Toyotas. (I have never sold anything, anywhere to anyone 'til now.)

"My first month, I earned \$1,700. Then I started listening to your Persuasion tapes during my drive to work and on the way home for 6 solid weeks.

"Michael, my second month, I earned \$4,300. I earned \$5,800 my third month - and won the Salesperson of the Month award for my dealership.

"Your *Essence of Political Persuasion* training tapes helped me regain my self-esteem, earn a good income and support my son and daughter.

"Michael, you saved my life."

M.B., Miami, FL

Shy Libertarian Gives Speeches

"Dear Michael,

"I used to be the shy guy who quietly sat through libertarian meetings. Since I started using your Persuasion Tapes, my communications skills and self-confidence have skyrocketed. I joined Toastmasters, and practiced 'Political Cross-Dressing' and 'Reverse Macho Flashing' from your *Essence of Political Persuasion* on them.

"Now I'm giving libertarian speeches to Service Clubs in my town.

"I used to be Clark Kent. Now I'm faster than Brady Bill bullets, more powerful than an Amtrack locomotive, and able to leap IRS buildings at a single bound."

C.N., San Antonio, TX

1-900 Libertarian Phone Sex?

"Dear Michael,

"The libertarian movement is like 1-900 phone sex. We spend hours talking with people about all the amazing things we're going to do, what it's going to be like and how good it'll feel. We spend hours Liber-teasing each other until we get our fantasy release.

"I'm married. My wife and I have a young daughter. Being a good husband and a good daddy to our little girl takes commitment and work. But I wouldn't trade one minute of my marriage or my family life for any amount of phone fantasy talk.

"I want real individual freedom in my life time. Your *Essence of Political Persuasion* audio tapes have given me the skills and confidence to bring more

people into the libertarian movement and get them active.

"I'm fed up with liber-fantasy. I want liber-reality. We can't lose with the stuff you use. Your Persuasion tapes are the shortest distance between 2 minds."

C.M., Portland, OR

Captain Convinces Commander

"Dear Michael,

"The other night, at a social event, I got into a conversation with fellow officers over foreign policy. My Commanding Officer overheard our discussion and joined in.

"I used your 'Welfare Pigeons' and other Self-Responsibility ideas, 'Political Cross-Dressing', and turned your 'Welfare Junkies' Metaphor into a 'Warfare Junkies' Metaphor. We talked for a couple of hours.

"A few weeks later, I ran into my Commanding Officer at another gathering. He waved me over to his table and introduced me to his guests as the man who had convinced him that Europe should pay for its own defense. He then repeated my persuasive case for his guests. We had an interesting, thoughtful discussion.

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Captain stationed in Germany

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Tax protests

Libertarians across the country call for end to IRS

From Alaska to Florida, Libertarian Party members took to the sidewalks on April 15 to remind their fellow Americans that the LP is the only political party that advocates eliminating the income tax and abolishing the IRS.

In Alaska, Dave McGraw, Billy Toien,



ALASKA PROTEST - LP member Billy Toien greeted filers as Hillary.

Damon Cruz, and state chair Len Karpinski donned costumes representing Bill and Hillary Clinton—holding signs reading “Don’t call the Libertarian Party toll free at 1-800-682-1776. They will thwart gov’t plans for you” and “Easy money, thanks chump.” The activists marched at a branch post office in Anchorage for more than two hours in the evening, and they “would have stayed longer if we didn’t get frostbite,” Karpinski reported. Their protest received front-page color photo coverage in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

In many states, LP members passed out “Million Dollar Bills” through a project developed by the national headquarters. The bills represented the amount of money the federal government spends every five seconds, and the backs of the bills had LP contact information.

In Delaware, more than a dozen activists passed out thousands of the bogus bills in Dover, Wilmington, Claymont, Newark, and Georgetown. Some of the activists involved were Jim Conk, John Cooper, Deborah Dierickx, David Driscoll, Dan Lake, Darlene Lake, Dale Lewis, Gene Rowley, Mike Smith, Bill Morris, and Dave Shanklin.

In Tennessee, a dozen party faithfuls protested at the state capitol and the post office in Nashville. The group, passing out more bills, was featured on all of the local evening news programs.



NEWS photo by Ken Bush

TAX PROTEST - Libertarians from central Ohio proudly display their feelings toward the IRS. About 25 members picketed the main branch of the Columbus Post Office on April 15 as last-minute filers drove by and mailed their forms. The picketing was organized by LP members Dena L. Bruedigam and Don Gallick.

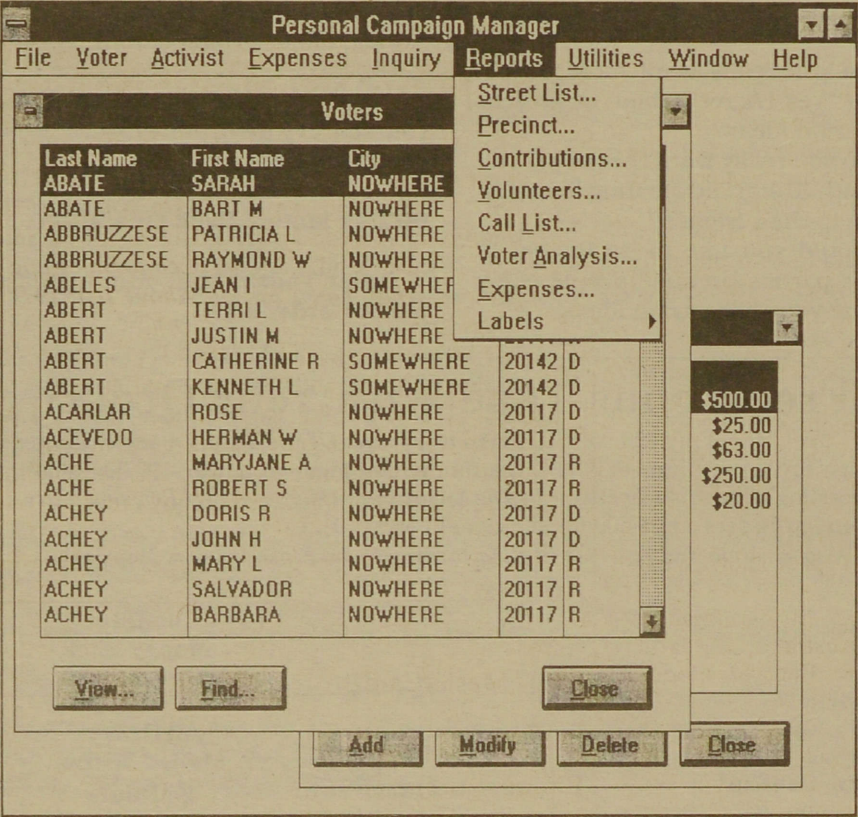
Earlier in the day, Ken Bush of the Missouri LP and Mike Fidler of the Ohio LP organized a separate demonstration on the steps of the Ohio statehouse. Participants burned 1040 forms at 10:40 a.m. As Bush burned a fistful of 1040 forms, he said, “Now I’m making the short form even shorter!”

The fiery protest received coverage on all three local television stations as well as nationally on CNN.

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— Harry Plott, World Network Holdings, on reorganizing his business as a Terra Libra Trust.

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After more research and discussions with many, I concluded that Personal Power was an important ingredient of the solution, so I wrote a second book *Wake Up America! The Dynamics of Human Power*.

HOW TO MAKE A FORTUNE

PRACTICING AND SPREADING FREEDOM

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In human affairs there is also a gap between what is and what could be. We suffer from “human failure programs” (like government!) that keep us as society stuck at a low level. The gap between what is and what could or should be represents potential. **This potential is vastly greater than the potential that enabled Bill Gates to become the richest man in America.**

TERRA LIBRA

Terra Libra is a phenomenal societal breakthrough for taking advantage of the gap between what is and what could or should be. Terra Libra is a worldwide free country that extends across national borders. It's an information-based rather than a territorial country. Its inhabitants are Free Sovereign Citizens.

Terra Libra is the means to replace human failure programs with human success programs. During the coming decades Terra Libran free-enterprise entrepreneurs will apply Freedom Technology to move society from what is to what could or should be. In the process many will become millionaires and billionaires. The Terra Libra books, reports, and information packages will tell you how. You simply can't afford to miss out on these incredible opportunities.

TERRA LIBRA STRATEGY

When you oppose something, or try to reform it, you encounter opposition. Your effort elicits an almost automatic counter-effort. Terra Libra does not attempt to change, oppose, reform, or overthrow any political or economic systems. We simply create our own voluntary alternatives. In fact, Terra Libra does not threaten or challenge the authority of any legitimate governments.

The bogus power of illegitimate freedom-violators depends on the support of their victims. Terra Librans find practical ways to legally, elegantly, and safely withdraw their

support. The power of illegitimate freedom-violators is tenuous — flimsy, fragile, and of little substance. Understanding the dynamics of human power enabled Mohandas Gandhi to defeat the armed might of the British Empire without firing a shot. The armed might of the East German freedom-violators, backed by 300,000 Russian troops, could not keep the Berlin wall standing. When the victims of the soviet freedom-violators withdrew their support, the Soviet Empire collapsed overnight.

Because of currency debasement (inflation), huge budget deficits, property seizures, Nazi-like terrorism, and other criminal violations, many freedom-violators are destroying their own coercive power systems. They are rapidly losing control.

We distinguish three sectors: the **public** sector, the **private** sector, and the **free-enterprise** sector. The **public** sector operates on the principle of coercion: the force of the gun. The **private** sector mixes coercion and freedom — politics and business. People in the private sector enjoy a modicum of freedom. However, they obey, bribe, and finance the freedom-violators of the public sector. They often obtain special privileges such as monopoly licenses, subsidies, tariff protection, and welfare from the freedom-violators.

People in the **free-enterprise** sector practice real, true, or pure free enterprise. In Terra Libra slavery has been abolished. Free Sovereign Citizens own their lives, minds, bodies, and the fruit of their labor. They practice voluntary exchange. They can do anything which doesn't harm others or their property. These principles are formulated in the Code of Terra Libra.

Terra Libra is the free-enterprise sector of the world. Terra Librans create voluntary institutions in areas such as education, currencies and banking, justice, communications, energy, etc. As the coercive institutions of the freedom-violators worsen and collapse, people naturally shift their economic activities into Terra Libra — the “**Terra Libra Shift**.”

Freedom Technology enables you to legally, elegantly, and safely shift some or all of your economic activities into the free-enterprise sector. The Terra Libran entrepreneurs who facilitate this shift will become the millionaires and billionaires of the next century. To get an idea of the potential, consider the size of the public and private sectors. These two sectors will fade away or collapse and be replaced by the free-enterprise sector.

Over the years there has been a shift in the nature of power. At one time power was almost totally based on **violence** (coercion). Then power came to be based more on **money** than on violence. In today's world power is based primarily on **information**. This shift in the nature of power is described in the book *Powershift* by Alvin Toffler. Territorial countries are based on violence, money, and brainwashing (the perversion of information). Terra Libra is primarily an information-based country. We provide the information that shifts power, resources, and wealth from the freedom-violating elite to Free Sovereign Individuals.

I believe that we maximize our prospects for freedom by applying a wide range of strategies — circumvent, ignore, criticize, ridicule, weaken, reform, and replace the enemy on many fronts. Terra Libra should be viewed as an **adjunct** to other strategies. Our strategy is outlined in much more detail in the Terra Libra reports.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR

Much more has been achieved than space allows me to mention. A few highlights:

- There are now thirty-eight Patrons and fifty Professional Liberators in: Arizona, Arkansas, Australia, Bulgaria, California, Canada, Colorado, Delaware, England, Florida, France, Hawaii, Illinois, Ireland, Jamaica, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Sark (Channel Islands), South Carolina, Texas, Turkey, Washington. (Patrons and Professional Liberators are basically people who provide services related to Freedom Technology, for example, alternative currencies & banking, privacy & asset protection, tax abatement, education, secure communication, etc.)
- We have customers in all fifty U.S. States and dozens of other countries around the world.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

“The American people possess that loathsome and deplorable custom of blind obedience and servility to those in power or stationed in high office. History demonstrates that we should distrust politicians, not worship them. I have received and briefly reviewed your manuscripts, and find them well written and full of information. I congratulate you on your work. I hope that your works get wide circulation because they look excellent.”

Lowell H. Becraft, Jr. - Attorney - Huntsville, Alabama

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The measure of a man

By KARL HESS, JR.

In the evenings of my childhood, before I could read a word on my own, my father would sit beside me and recite the barrack-room ballads of Rudyard Kipling. I remember still the Fuzzy-Wuzzy who broke the British square, the jinglety-jink of the screw-guns above the pine and oak-scrub, the hanging of Danny Deever on a bitter cold morning, and the good old grinnin', gruntin', Lazarushian-leather Gunga Din. These were the images and heroes of my childhood, my earliest and most vivid memories. And that was my father, then and now.

But of course, there was much more. There were the people and places from a political world that I would never know except through his eyes—people and places like Whittaker Chambers and an incriminating pumpkin patch, and a Cuban revolution and a garage full of Browning semi-automatic rifles (my friends and I would stare at them in awe from a crack in the door). There were also the wilderness treks my father would take with his sidekick Bill Lewis into the great Adirondacks and the evening rides I would share with him on his sleek and beautiful Triumph Bonneville 650. Most of all, I recall our shared journeys in the paddy-wagon to the DC police station to be booked and jailed for protesting the Vietnam war. It was a most unusual childhood, but then again he was a most unusual father.

The measure of the man I call my father is hard to capture for he was so much and meant so much to me. But on the wall before me in his office in West Virginia is the best measure I can find. To the far right is the Deal Junior High School diploma

awarded to Josef Karl Hess on 31 January, 1938. It is a modest diploma, one that Ph.D. pedigreed scholars might scoff at, but one which my father hung in pride. It is the only certificate of the state (other than a driver's license) that he would ever receive, and he kept it because it was all the formal education he would ever need. By the time he was 15 he was reading and writing things that most scholars would take a lifetime to do.

To the left of the diploma is a photograph of Emiliano Zapata. Of the many heroes and heroines of the twentieth century, my father admired Zapata most of all. Emma Goldman and Petr Kropotkin were close seconds, but Zapata was a true democrat, a man of the people, a leader who was not a leader, a common man who rose to uncommon heights, a complex man of simple needs, a loving husband, and a caring neighbor.

Further to the left is a drawing of Barry Goldwater with this inscription: "To the best Tequilla man, the best writing man, a good man, Karl, from his friend, Barry." For all the differences that the years brought between my father and Goldwater, the two of them remained steadfast friends. He was the only politician my father admired, and the only potential president he could possibly have served and still have remained true to his principles and beliefs.

Wedge between framed letters from Goldwater, Dwight Eisenhower, and Gerald Ford is a small portrait of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was my father's guiding star. He was a renaissance man, a philosopher, a tinkerer, an inventor, and a spokesman for liberty and tolerance. Hours before my father's death I looked from the hospital

window in my father's room at the University of Virginia. I looked toward the small hill that lies to the left of Carters Mountain. The trees were not fully-leaved yet, and I could make out the outlines of Jefferson's Monticello. It struck me as odd and prophetic that two men with so much in common would meet in death on this remote spot in the rolling hills of the Shenandoah.

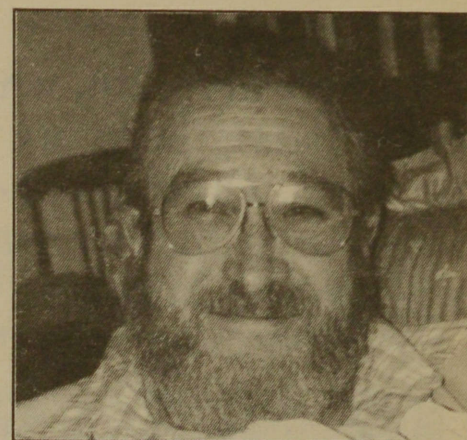
Farthest to the left is a framed letter to my father from several elementary school students. The letter speaks for itself:

Dear Mr. Hess:

Thank you for being part of the Earth Day Celebration at Hedgesville Middle School. You were most interesting and not at all boring as we had thought. You appear to be quite intelligent and have done so many interesting things throughout your life. We learned a lot, too, about your many jobs and this has helped some of us in planning our lives. We thank you not only for facts but for inspiring us to be what we want to be.

We learned also that we want to be members of the smart group and not the dumb group.

None of these letters, pictures, or diplomas, however, measure the man as well as an oddity strapped by double-sided tape to the top of one of the picture frames hanging on the wall. A piece of paper is folded and attached and reads, matter-of-factly, "Parts Dept." Nestled in its fold is the artificial heart valve that my father retrieved from his discarded natural heart and a gold-



capped tooth that was just recently removed. As piercing as the pain was in his last months, the humor that is quintessential Karl was devilishly alive.

In the last hours of my father's life, when the pain was even greater and immune from the massive doses of morphine, he looked at Therese, my brother, and me with a grimace on his face and whispered, "It's a kick in the ass." We held his hands and spoke to him of our love and our life together. For a moment his forehead smoothed, his eyes glowed, and a twinkle of a smile spread from his lips. He looked at us, squeezed our hands and spoke with firmness and finality, "Let's go home."

That is the measure of a man. Not the halcyon years of politics or the stacks of books, articles, and speeches he wrote. In the end, as in the beginning and the middle, all my father ever wanted and ever needed were family, friends, and good neighbors to love and laugh with and a place called wild and wonderful West Virginia to set his roots in and build a house that he could call home.

Karl Hess: An appreciation

By DAVID F. NOLAN

I first met Karl Hess in 1979, 12 years after I read his book, "In A Cause That Will Triumph: The Goldwater Campaign and the Future of Conservatism." At the time that book was written, both Karl and I still called ourselves Conservatives; by the time we met face-to-face, we had changed our label, but not our beliefs.

We met in Central City, Colorado, at a Colorado LP convention. Karl was fond of Colorado, and made many trips there over the years; he found it highly appropriate that the LP was born there.

On first meeting Karl, I was a bit awestruck. After all, this was THE Karl Hess, author of Barry Goldwater's famous nomination acceptance speech, delivered at the 1964 GOP convention. Its most-quoted lines, of course, were the immortal words: "Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice . . . moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue." This ringing declaration had reinforced my devotion to Goldwater's candidacy 15 years earlier, and I was delighted to finally meet the man who had written the speech.

Karl's warmth and gentle, down-to-earth manner soon dissipated my awe, however.

Within minutes we were talking like old friends. And it was this quality that made Karl perhaps the best-loved of all figures in the modern libertarian movement.

Like many of us, he possessed a keen intellect and an unflinching devotion to the ideals of freedom. But unlike all too many of us, he never came across as disdainful or condescending. Karl was a genuinely nice person, utterly lacking in pretension, and people warmed to him quickly.

Karl wrote numerous books, gave countless speeches, and wound up editing this newspaper for several years. And he will be remembered for all of these deeds. But my own memories of Karl also include glimpses of his lighter side: at the 1981 national convention, he jokingly chided me for scheduling the "Evening with Karl Hess" opposite a similar informal gathering featuring Robert Anton Wilson. "You know," he said, "Bob was the only other speaker at this convention that I really wanted to hear."

Karl and I were not close friends, although we exchanged notes and occasional phone calls over the years. Nonetheless, I felt a real sadness on learning of his passing, for he was always a joy to be with.

Rest in peace, Karl.

Celebrate a Life

Karl Hess

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Come anytime from noon on, and stay for awhile or for the whole time.

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Let us know of your plans in advance so we can prepare accordingly. Please RSVP to Therese Hess at the home address, or call (304) 263-7526. Then, as Karl was fond of saying, "Let the mischief begin!"

The following are selected passages from the writings of Karl Hess.

This is not a time of radical, revolutionary politics. Not yet. Unrest, riot, dissent and chaos notwithstanding, today's politics is reactionary. Both right and left are reactionary and authoritarian. That is to say: Both are political. They seek only to revise current methods of acquiring and wielding political power. Radical and revolutionary movements seek not to revise but to revoke. The target of revocation should be obvious. The target is politics itself.

Radicals and revolutionaries have had their sights trained on politics for some time. As governments fail around the world, as more millions become aware that government never has and never can humanely and effectively manage men's affairs, government's own inadequacy will emerge, at last, as the basis for a truly radical and revolutionary movement. In the meantime, the radical-revolutionary position is a lonely one. It is feared or hated, by both right and left—although both right and left must borrow from it to survive. The radical-revolutionary position is libertarianism and its socioeconomic form is laissez-faire capitalism. . .

Libertarianism is rejected by the modern left—which preaches individualism but practices collectivism. Capitalism is rejected by the modern right—which preaches enterprise but practices protectionism. The libertarian faith in the mind of man is rejected by religionists who have faith only in the sins of man. The libertarian insistence that men be free to spin cables of steel as well as dreams of smoke is rejected by hippies who adore nature but spurn creation. The libertarian insistence that each man is a sovereign land of liberty, with his primary allegiance to himself, is rejected by patriots who sing of freedom but also shout of banners and boundaries. There is no operating political movement in the world today that is based upon a libertarian philosophy. If there were, it would be in the anomalous position of using political power to abolish political power.

Perhaps a regular political movement, overcoming this anomaly, will actually develop. . .

From "The Death of Politics," Playboy, March 1969.

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When I was very young, I most wanted to be a scientist, isolated and brilliant, probing and illuminating mysteries, a pure soul floating in a laboratory universe, detached, cool, exalted. Then I wanted to be famous and a bit rich, noted for having political power without the mess of political responsibility, a speech-writing ghost but still a sort of pure soul floating in a marble-halled universe, detached, cool, and celebrated. What I want now is so different. It requires nothing but space and time and work. It does not float, it walks in the neighborhood. It is not detached, it is a mosaic of meetings, friendships, tasks, celebrations (without celebrity). It still includes science but it knows science as the most social of human actions, a shared heritage, an age-long persistence of reason, something that floats beautifully in the head, not in outer space, an occasion for the pleasures of creativity more than the proddings of pride. For honor it substitutes, simply, honesty and for loyalty it certainly substitutes friendship.

What I want from social change is freedom from all those institutional chains which in the past have bound us to the purposes and projects of others, without consent, without real recourse. I want the freedom to be responsible for my own actions, and I want my actions to be judged by those whom those actions affect. I want my citizenship in a community to be a nondelegatable aspect of my life, reflecting my place in the community and respecting yours. I want to live in a community where people are so sure of themselves, as human beings, that they can respect differences in others without being deferential to difference, or frightened by it, or cowed by it. I want to join in the applause for a neighbor's task superbly done but I do not want to be enlisted in a fan club. I want to live in a community where, no matter any

Karl Hess

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His words

other skills, decent human beings all will practice those skills which all may possess in common, truthfulness, consideration of others, a sense of proportion in undertakings and in ambitions, and the various human traits associated with deep love of another and an abiding respectful sense of self.

In practical terms, as it turns out, it means living very much as I live today. For me and for many people I know, social change has been made, even though we know it has been made within institutional spaces which could close at a moment's notice. Changes have been made. They have not been secured.

From "Dear America," William Morrow & Company, Inc., 1975.

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PLAYBOY: But no man is without ambition. What's yours?

HESS: I want to be the perfect anarchist.

PLAYBOY: Which is?

HESS: A good friend, good lover, good neighbor.

PLAYBOY: That's all there is to being an anarchist?

HESS: What did you expect, a lot of rules?

PLAYBOY: We expected one rule: "Resist authority at all cost."

HESS: By resistance you seem to be implying armed revolution. But that's not always necessary. For example, the Presidency could be overthrown tomorrow if the American people suddenly began laughing at it, or ignoring it.

PLAYBOY: Are you saying that sometimes revolution can be accomplished through ridicule?

HESS: Sure, and why reach for the musket if all you need is a custard pie.

From "The Playboy Interview," Playboy, July 1976.

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There are many people who will quail at our principles, who are so unsure of freedom that they see its preservation only in its abandonment. There are many who fear freedom's responsibilities. They huddle, timid and afraid, under the spell of those now in power, who promise every protection but are willing to take no risks. We seek the support of those Americans who have not forgotten what an adventure this land has always been, who are neither afraid nor ashamed of what freedom has accomplished, and who will pledge their future to a life in freedom rather than mortgage it to fear, to regimentation, to a garrison state.

But the timid still will ask: How can we be sure it will work? The answer is clear. We cannot be sure. There are no guarantees, only opportunities. Freedom to act, to achieve, to own, to create, to speak, to be good stewards of our land, and to arrange our lives as we see fit, respecting the right of all others to do the same—that freedom has been our vision. Some say it is our myth. I say it is our possibility.

From "If I Were Running Against Reagan," Harper's Magazine, July 1984.

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I have been jailed by the state. I have been deprived of property by the state. The state did not teach me to read and write. It did not make me a good neighbor. It did

not inspire me, solace me, heal me. It has not given me anything that it did not first extort from me.

Nevertheless, as the words of liberty ring more and more across the land, there are those who ask why we should worry about having a political activity specifically devoted to liberty. Are not others now going to carry the banner?

I hope so. Everyone, consciously libertarian or not, who speaks well of liberty and, more importantly, acts to enjoy it or extend it, is welcome in my view. But why should that welcome weaken for a moment my enthusiasm for the voices of those who are consciously, actively, powerfully libertarians and who, simply, want to participate in a political process which, despite all reasonable antipathy for it, remains a practical arena in which human action can extend or retract liberty? I not only want to applaud all of them, I want to share the struggle with them. . .

A final word: I have, during years of participation in libertarian gatherings, and activities, been described as a "scold," nagging away at the notion that libertarians should balance their deep concern for precise theory and love of internecine argumentation with enthusiastic concern for actions in the rough-and-tumble of the marketplace and in public forums. I do not anticipate changing. Nor will I feel offended at all if no one pays any attention.

From "Why Me?" Libertarian Party NEWS, March/April 1986.

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My mother, without ever having heard the term as far as I know, raised me to be a libertarian. And in every job, or political or social cause in which I have been involved since 1938, when I turned 15 and went to work, it has been my libertarian urge, mother-taught, that has kept me reasonably 'sane,' self-esteeming, and secure enough to live my life on my own terms and not on someone else's ideological or managerial leash.

Had my mother ever paused practicing libertarianism long enough to ponder it, I think she would have defined it in stern (Stirnerite?) terms of individualism. Liberty, to her, was simply being human to the hilt; being absolutely responsible for your own choices in life, questioning authority, being honest in all dealing with others, and never initiating force to get your way or condoning it for someone else to get their way.

From "The Most Unforgettable Libertarian I Ever Knew," Liberty, December 1987.

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Please do not ever let this party become as inner-directed as once it was. Do not let it serve the personal vanities of those who mainly want power, even power just in our own relatively small pond.

Keep your eyes focused on the world of your neighbors and your communities. Speak to them in their own terms, make your suggestions clearly in those terms, avoid unfamiliar cant and theory.

There is no part of libertarianism that cannot be applied to solvable problems, and in simple, practical language. We can avoid pompous phrases and ritual codes learned from people we may revere but might not understand. Echoing wise people may make us sound impressive. But being able to apply our individual creativity to locally solvable problems makes us respectable.

Judge for yourself, by actual performance, the effectiveness of those whose major energies are spent relentlessly attacking their enemies in the party—or the party itself—as compared to those who just keep slogging away at building the party, opposing restrictions against liberty, and winning those positions from which they can more effectively do it.

Think of whether you have ever met a libertarian who is more a threat to you than is a willing, serving agent of the state. More irritating perhaps. More dangerous? I doubt it. Happily, such libertarians are far more easily ignored than the agents of the state. Just say NO.

From "A Fond Farewell," Libertarian Party NEWS, July 1990.

Talking points

Facts you can use on the environment and health care

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

Issue: The environment

Those of us who froze all winter certainly have anecdotal evidence that "global warming" is a myth. But environmental protectionists should demand hard facts before passing new laws and regulations curbing economic and human activities. Unfortunately, many do not.

Richard Lindzen, an MIT meteorology professor, says, "Many oceanographers and atmospheric scientists working on the climate share the view that the present global-warming hypothesis is largely a political issue without scientific basis."

Quote appearing in column by Dr. Walter Williams, Dallas Morning News, Nov. 13, 1993.

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A recent EPA study on the greenhouse effect purported to show adverse consequences to the Colorado River basin if greenhouse gases continue to increase as in the past. Robert Balling, director of the Office of Climatology at Arizona State University, begs to disagree. "(The EPA's) material inspires doomsday criers to continue beating the drum that warns us of an imminent, unparalleled disaster to be unleashed upon the environment, the economy, and society at large. Policy-makers should be informed, first, that we already have long-term air temperature records for the area drained by the Colorado River and, second, that they show essentially no warming during the time when humans significantly increased the concentration of greenhouse gases. The actual temperature records for the region, the United States, the Northern Hemisphere, and the globe as a whole provide little support for predictions of significant temperature increases by the middle of the next century. The real lesson here for policy-makers is to not base costly public policy decisions on such shaky science."

Balling's article in the Houston Chronicle, March 14, 1994.

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According to Dixy Lee Ray, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission under President Carter, "Calculations show that man is responsible for adding about seven billion tons of carbon dioxide annually to the atmosphere. This may seem like an enormous amount until we consider the

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Dave Walter
Editor

contribution from nature, which may be as much as 200 billion tons annually. Nature's contribution comes from the respiration of countless organisms, from hot springs, fumaroles, rifts and geysers that abound around the world, and from volcanic eruptions. . . (C)an human beings really influence the overall climate—or 'stabilize' it, or cause or prevent significant warming or cooling? I do not believe that we can or that we have done this."

Ray's opinion article in Energy Focus magazine, Nov./Dec. 1993

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"Even governments suffer from laws that are maddeningly disproportionate in terms of costs and benefits. One Midwest city wants to build an outdoor parking lot for garbage trucks. But engineers discovered traces of hazardous chemicals in the dirt. No problem, you might say. Pave it over and these compounds will be rendered harmless.

"You're right, but the law doesn't permit such common-sense solutions. Instead, 2.4 million pounds of dirt (including a few pounds of toxins) must be dug up and shipped 1,500 miles to an incinerator to be turned from essentially harmless soil into presumably harmless ash. Sophisticated on-site pollution detection equipment must then be installed to monitor the air—for up to 25 years.

"I suspect that many private developers and contractors enjoy seeing a government entity victimized by what amounts to building codes. But the fact is that everyone suffers because of two key defects in the basic philosophy of environmental laws. The first is overkill in terms of employee training. If the same principles were applied to medicine, only an M.D. who is an internist could take your temperature. The second defect is that these laws are triggered when predetermined amounts of specific toxins are detected, not when the toxins are likely to harm anyone. In many instances, simply sealing the contamination provides adequate protection."

Charles S. Alpert, corporate counsel for The Earth Technology Corp., a national environmental consulting company. In Industry Week, April 4, 1994.

Issue: Health care

Just who is responsible for the problems with America's health care delivery system? The managing editor of Biz magazine editorializes:

"The decline of American medicine can be traced on a more or less straight line back to the halcyon days of The Great Society. So many market-distorting mechanisms have been introduced over the past 30 years—by both private and public agencies—that what's truly amazing is not the system's dysfunction but that it functions at all. The Clinton response to this administrative and financial tangle is not to sim-

plify matters by untying a few of the knots and reintroducing a little market discipline. Rather, it's to lard on multiple levels of new bureaucracy and suck the health care system into the federal orbit. . . The only thing new about (the New Democrat) mentality is its packaging. Strip that away and you're left with statism plain and simple."

Biz magazine, March 1994.

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Is the American health system in CRISIS with 37 million or more people without health insurance? Irwin M. Stelzer, director of regulatory policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, has examined the facts: "The chronically uninsured group in our society numbers closer to 5.5 million than 37 million people. And probably fewer than 5.5 million. Only 1% of those under age 65 are uninsurable, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute. More than half of the uninsured are in families headed by full-time workers; 40% have incomes in excess of \$20,000, and 10% have incomes in excess of \$50,000; only 29% are below the poverty level. And those with incomes below \$20,000 spend several times as much on entertainment, alcohol, and tobacco as they do on health care. Furthermore, 37% of the uninsured are under age 25, a generally healthy group for whom health insurance is often not a cost-effective buy. If we put all this together, we come up with a figure of perhaps 3% of the population who—although able to obtain health care—cannot obtain affordable health insurance. Should we perform radical surgery on our health care system for the sake of that 3%?"

Stelzer's article in the Wall Street Journal, Jan. 25, 1994.

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Mr. Stelzer's article prompted this letter to the Journal from Dr. Milton Friedman, senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution and a Nobel Laureate in economics:

"Mr. Stelzer makes some excellent points. However, he does not mention the major reason health care costs have risen from 5% of the GNP to 14%. Few consumers of health care now pay for their care directly, and no one spends someone else's money—the employer's, the insurance company's, or the government's—as carefully as he or she spends his or her own.

"I predict that if Medisave accounts plus high-deductible catastrophic insurance policies replaced present employer, Medicare, and Medicaid health coverage, health care costs would be more than cut in half as a fraction of GNP."

Friedman's letter in the Wall Street Journal.

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One widely ballyhooed "solution" to controlling health care costs is "Managed Health Care." The Cooper Plan makes much of it. Yet, does it work and what does it mean for the doctor-patient relationship?

Michael Tanner is director of health and welfare studies for the Cato Institute "think tank" in Washington, DC. He says, "Rep.

Cooper and other advocates of managed competition have a tremendous faith in the ability of managed care to control health care costs. However, a 1992 report by A. Foster Higgins Co. indicated that half of employers who switched from non-managed care plans to HMOs said their HMO rates were as high or higher than their previous rates. Likewise, a Congressional Budget Office report found that shifting Medicare patients to HMOs 'had little or no effect on hospital use and costs.' In addition, a recent Rand Corp. study indicates that managed care providers were as likely as fee-for-service providers to perform unnecessary procedures."

Tanner goes on to discuss how the patient's choice of physician will be limited by enrollment in managed care plans, in order for the insurer's bargaining power to be felt: "Managed care plans are notorious for second-guessing physicians and limiting access to some types of treatment."

Worse, Tanner quotes Ernest Truffer, a Swiss medical philosopher, on what this third-party interjection really means: "(It) amounts to a rejection of the medical ethic—which is to care for a patient according to the latter's specific (medical) requirements—in favor of a veterinary ethic, which consists in caring for the sick animal not in accordance with its specific medical needs, but according to the requirements of its master and owner, the person responsible for meeting any costs incurred."

Tanner's article in the Wall Street Journal, Feb. 14, 1994.

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Perhaps Dr. Thomas Sowell, another fellow of the Hoover Institution, correctly identified what is going on when he wrote the following:

"What the welfare state is saying, whether in this new 'Health Security Act' or in a thousand other programs, is that we are not to be a nation of independent people controlling our own lives, but a nation of clients whose lives are controlled by bureaucrats, dispensing taxpayers' money according to the vision of the anointed.

"This is not a new idea, however much the advocates of the welfare state proclaim 'change.' Most of the history of the human race has been a history of the masses of ordinary people having their lives controlled and their destiny decided by some elite.

"It has taken centuries of struggle, agony, sacrifice, and bloodshed to get out from under the thumb of those who acted as if they had been born into this world 'booted and spurred, to ride mankind.' Now we are turning around and heading backward, toward a world where people's fates are not in their own hands but in the hands of some puffed-up political 'leaders.'"

Sowell in the New York Post, Nov. 19, 1993.

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Thanks to the following for providing clippings for this month's Talking Points: Charles Poe, Houston, TX; Marcy Dormann, Auburn, PA; Melissa Ryan, Chicago, IL; and Kate Swartz, New York, NY.

Healthy Choice

LP alternative getting lots of air time

Project Healthy Choice was beamed across the radio waves of America during the last month, with four appearances by Libertarian Party members to promote the party's alternative free market health care reform plan.

Other Project Healthy Choice news included more newspaper coverage, more responses from U.S. congressmen and senators, and a telephone call from the popular television news program "20/20."

"This was our busiest month ever, in terms of media coverage," said Director of Communications Bill Winter, who is coordinating the Project Healthy Choice lobbying effort in Washington, DC.

Leading off the radio appearances on April 19 was Michael Tanner, the author of the Libertarian Party's plan, who appeared on the Joan Norris Show on WINK Radio in Fort Meyers, FL.

"The reaction was very positive," said Tanner. "She treated [our proposals] very seriously, as a legitimate alternative. She said this came as a big surprise to her because she didn't think the Libertarian Party would put together a comprehensive health care plan; she just thought we were against everything. She was surprised we had a positive plan."

On April 22, LP member Mark Seiler did a live interview on the Mike Collins Show on WBT-AM in Charlotte, NC.

"My appearance went pretty well," said Seiler. "Although Mike Collins has a reputation for being a liberal, he was cordial. His questions were challenging to the extent that it made me explain the party and [our] health plan in depth. Of course, he did ask the obligatory, 'If we didn't have government involvement wouldn't we have dead babies in the streets?' question. My response [was] that

various philanthropic organizations would step in, and I reminded him of the hospitals that were set up by the Catholic Church prior to and without government involvement."

Ironically, the interview was cut short so the station could cover a press conference by Hillary Clinton to plug the Clinton health care plan.

On May 10, Seiler also promoted Project Healthy Choice on the Chris Vaughn Show on WCGC-AM in Gastonia. "He [the host] liked everything about it—he thought it was a good free market alternative," said Seiler.

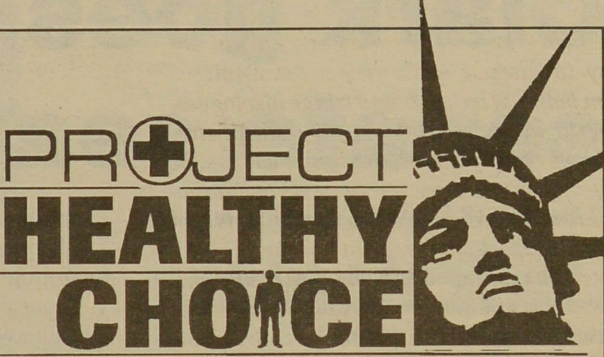
On May 17, Tanner appeared on the program "Washington On Trial" with host Jerry Hughes on the People's Radio Network. The two-hour call-in show was broadcast live on 199 radio stations spanning the U.S.

"It reached a conservative/populist audience who should be receptive to the Libertarian Party's free market message," said Winter. Further details were not available at press time.

Turning to television, LP headquarters got a call from an assistant producer from the ABC news program "20/20" in New York on May 9.

"They were doing a program on the Food and Drug Administration. They wanted the original source material for several statistics—which we had quoted in the Project Healthy Choice 'Briefing Paper'—that the FDA was responsible for more than 100,000 deaths because of slow drug approval process," said Winter. "We were able to provide it for them." The show will reportedly air in several months.

The Libertarian Party also received newspaper coverage in Minnesota in late April, following a visit by President Clinton to promote his health care plan. *The St. Paul*



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Pioneer Press, in a front-page story, wrote: "The pickets included Libertarian Party members opposed to increased federal involvement in health care."

On the congressional front:

- LP member Dr. Kenneth Bisson personally met with Rep. Jill Long (D-IN) and outlined Project Healthy Choice to her.

- LP headquarters received a letter from Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) about Project Healthy Choice. Specter wrote: "The materials you enclosed are quite interesting. Please continue to keep me apprised of your views regarding this or any other issue of mutual interest."

- LP headquarters did not receive a reply from Rep. Don Wyden (D-OR), who had expressed interest in meeting with LP representatives to discuss Medical Savings Accounts. Two letters to his office—offering the services of several LP health care experts—went unanswered.

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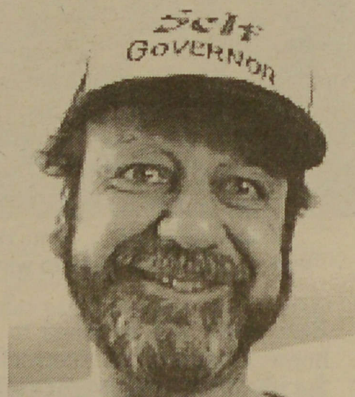
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Nevada

Clark goes after her state senate seat once again

On May 18, Tamara Clark filed for office in Las Vegas.

But Clark did not file for a run at the secretary of state's office, as she had previously announced. Instead, Clark is once again running for the same District 2 state senate seat she sought in 1992 when she received 45 percent of the vote.

Clark had wanted to run for the state senate all along, but early this year she learned there would be both Democrats and Republicans in the race. Two years ago no Republican sought the office, leaving her in a two-way race.

"The demographics of this district don't look positive for a Libertarian to win in a three-way race," she explained.

So Clark decided to play "hard ball" with the Republicans in her district, because

"Republicans also cannot win," she said. For 20 years the District 2 senate seat has been held by a Democrat.

Several months ago Clark announced that she was going to run for secretary of state, a seat that is currently held by a Republican and that the Republicans desperately want to retain.

The Clark announcement sent the Republicans into a whirl. Clark's entering the race would almost certainly assure a Republican defeat. Clark made sure the Republicans knew she was serious by doing media work.

"After the papers and television covered it, the Republicans came to me and said they would not put a Republican in the state senate race," Clark stated.

In March, Clark received the Nevada

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Libertarian nomination of the District 2 state senate seat. The incumbent will not be seeking re-election.

Clark said her campaign will be a very grassroots effort. "We will be running television, radio, and newspaper ads, as well as knocking on doors."

For more information, write T.A.C., P.O. Box 35227, Las Vegas, NV 89133.

Washington State

Gearhart carries LP banner

By Ron LaHR

John Gearhart has announced his candidacy, as a Libertarian, for state representative in southeastern Washington's District 9. The district is a Republican stronghold in a mostly Democrat-run state, so the Democrats have not yet been able to find anyone willing to run against Republican incumbent Rep. Larry Sheahan. Since several special-interest groups have informed the Democrats that they consider the race impossible to win and will not contribute to any candidate's campaign, it is possible that the Democrats never will field a candidate in the race.

Gearhart, 54, who owns a drapery cleaning business, ran for the same position in 1992 after frustration due to the amount of regulations a small businessman must contend with moved him to action. With little experience, help, or money, the campaign garnered only 4 percent of the vote in the hotly contested race for the then-open seat. Sheahan won by the same 4 percent of the vote that Gearhart captured.

Now Gearhart has the support of two local Libertarian groups—the Spokane County Libertarian Party (SCLP) and the new SouthEastern Washington LP—which Gearhart helped organize. There is a new campus Libertarian group at one of the two universities in Gearhart's district and another is being organized at the other.

With four LP groups from which to draw monetary support and volunteers, Gearhart plans on making a much better showing.

"Of course my experience from the last campaign and it being a two-way race will also help," Gearhart joked at a recent meeting of supporters. Hopefully, so will his campaign theme, "YOUR Rights Are Important."

Local Libertarians hope that Gearhart's successful campaign will encourage others to run in the future, since he is currently the only Libertarian candidate in the entire state of Washington. The SCLP believes that its involvement in Gearhart's campaign will help them entice people to run with the assistance of their "experienced campaign team."

Delaware

Reda going all out to win seat

By Dave Franklin and Bill Morris

John Reda, the star candidate of the Delaware Libertarian Party, is counting on his door-to-door campaign and his built-in constituency to sweep him into the state legislature in November.

The NEWS (June 1993) reported Reda's narrow defeat when he ran for mayor of the town of Elsmere, losing by 36 votes in the April 1993 partisan race. Reda received 47 percent of the vote in that two-way race. A legal challenge alleging irregularities in that election was unsuccessful.

As of May 1, 1994, the Reda campaign boasted more than 500 voters on its "supporter list." This list is a database of "ID'd supporters" who have filled out a card indicating support for the candidate. The campaign's goal is to have 1,000 names on the list by November. These people will be subject to an intense get-out-the-vote effort later in the year.

An estimated 3,500 votes will be needed to win the election. Therefore, outdoor advertising and direct mail will be relied on to bring in the additional votes.

Campaign consultants Sal Guzzetta and Aaron Star have contributed much to the planning of the campaign strategy. Of course, the key element of the campaign is the fund-raising strategy. The campaign's goal is to raise and spend \$20,000—a record for any LP of Delaware candidate.

The Libertarian National Committee has so far identified only two winnable races that they have agreed to help fund: Tamara Clark in Nevada and Reda.

Reda is one of the best known residents of Elsmere, a town of 6,000, the fifth-largest

incorporated city in the state.

Name recognition, of course, is the overwhelming factor in any election victory, not the issues.

However, Reda's opponent, an incumbent Democrat, has a very high name ID rating and favorability rating outside Elsmere, according to a recent LP phone survey.

The state house district, 13, is roughly three times the size of Elsmere.

On a recent Sunday, 11 campaign workers canvassed the district, putting doorknob hangers on doors of registered voters. The "doorknob campaign" was a key factor in Reda's impressive vote total last year.

The doorknob hangers, which cost six and one-half cents each, are brightly colored (red, white, and blue) with a photograph, campaign logo, and slogan on the front, and a three-point message on the back. More than 20,000 of these will be distributed to the 3,000 "target" homes.

The campaign's two slogans are: "The Change We Need" and "Let's Cut State Bureaucracy and Cut Taxes." The campaign logo is a pair of scissors.

Reda has been going door-to-door for more than a year. He introduces himself, announces his candidacy, and asks for the voter's support. If the voter agrees, the person is asked to fill out and sign a card. These supporters will be re-contacted by mail and other means when the get-out-the-vote effort is activated.

On the evening before and the morning of the election, personalized letters from the candidate will be hand-delivered to the homes of all voters on the support list.



CAMPAIGNING - John Reda is using every trick in the book to win his election.

Each letter will be taped to the door of each home. Enclosed, the voters will find a map showing their own polling place and a note from the candidate reminding them that he needs their vote.

Additionally, letters will be mailed throughout the campaign, and phone calls will be made by campaign workers.

"This is one of the top 10 most important LP races nationwide," commented Dave Shanklin, LP of Delaware vice chair.

LP members on the East Coast who would like to share in this effort are being invited to visit Delaware and help with the doorknob campaign.

"Let's hit 'em where they are," Reda said.

For more information, contact the Friends of John Reda, 23 Richard Ave., Elsmere, DE 19805, or call Reda at 302-995-1722.

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

BY DIEDRE DENNIS

Big news on the FDA front. The Senate committee has released the Dietary Supplement Act for a vote of the full Senate. Be sure you know where your senator stands. If S 784 is passed in the Senate, the bill still faces a battle in the House as HR 1709. Since the Dietary Supplement Act will keep the FDA out of the supplements market, that agency will probably continue its attempts to thwart passage of the bill. Happily, Congress is feeling the heat from your letters. The volume of mail on this act is comparable to what Congress received on the Vietnam War. Keep up the good work. Victory is so close!

Now that you are feeling potent and happy, let's look at what's new this month. Reps. Andrews (D-NJ) and Zeff (R-NH), both elected in 1990, recently proposed the A-Z Spending Cuts bill. Their plan for cutting spending actually requires two bills. The first, HR 3266, will contain all the spending cuts and will make those cuts law. The second, HR 407, sets the rules for the debate on what cuts should be included in HR 3266. These debate rules require that Congress set aside 10 days (targeted for October, just before elections) for the exclusive purpose of considering spending cuts, a more-than-reasonable demand for so large a problem. Further, HR 407 specifies an "open rule," which means that anyone may offer a spending cut as an amendment that must then be subject to a recorded vote.

It sounds good; so guess which side House Speaker Foley is on. If you guessed "the wrong side," pat yourself on the back! He says that the open rule will result in a "circus." Sure, Tom, Foley's real reason for opposing it is that any spending cuts will be real. He won't be able to "recycle" the money into other programs. Darn.

The legislation is doing well and has enough co-sponsors to force the bill out of committee and onto the floor IF they all sign a discharge petition. However, defections have already begun. Foley and his gang (Gephardt, Bonior, Moakley, Obey, and Sabo) are applying all the pressure they can to keep this bill bottled up in committee. They hint that those who support the bill will see negative "consequences," like loss of home district pork and difficulty in getting on key committees.

Although these big spenders are reported as feeling "cautiously optimistic," they have an uphill battle. Inhof's discharge petition bill, which ended 62 years of unjustified secrecy and which you helped pass,

set a precedent. In Andrews' words, "If people demand accountability, they can get it."

The only weight heavy enough to counter the tremendous and effective pressure from the House leadership is grassroots activism. If you live in a Democrat's district, please put the pressure on. The 56 Democrats who have supported the bill are the real targets of the House leadership's attack. If only 12 of them refuse to sign the discharge petition, committees will bottle up A-Z forever.

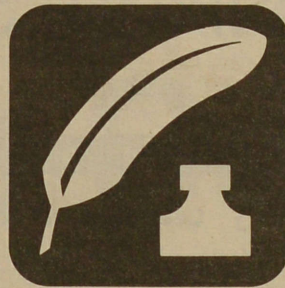
Let's join more than 230 co-sponsors, the Citizens Against Government Waste, the Citizens for a Sound Economy, the National Taxpayers Union, and a host of other taxpayer and business groups in supporting HR 407 and HR 3266.

After a good spending cut letter, nothing is so satisfying as a nice anti-tax follow-up. To that end, I am pleased to introduce Rep. Ramstad's (R-MN) pro-active legislation. Last year, taxpayers had several close calls with an estate tax hike. H Con Res 6 and its companion bill, S Res 64, would put Congress on record against any decrease in the estate tax exemption, a tempting revenue source.

The idea of lowering the tax exemption from the current \$600,000 has been batted around with increasing frequency lately. *The Washington Post* gleefully pointed out that lowering the estate tax exemption to \$200,000 could raise \$12 billion a year. We've already paid taxes on everything we own and they want to tax it again! The median purchase price of a home in 1992 was \$141,000. The average value of a life insurance policy per household in 1992 was \$103,000. Add those together and you are already over the proposed limit. Then add in pension plans and IRAs, heirlooms, a family business or farm, cars, checking and savings, furnishings, and everything else. It's outrageous!

Don't be lulled into a false sense of security just because this year's attack against achievement hasn't yet begun. Last year's tax law raised the top Estate and Gift Tax rate to 55 percent and they're not done yet. As you read this, lobbyists are encouraging Congress to fund their projects with this "politically harmless" tax. Perhaps most heinous of all, such a tax could be retroactive! They've done it before, they'll do it again. Tell your senators and representatives that an increase in the death tax will not be harmless, either to the country or to their own re-election.

You may also want to exhort him or her



to vote "No" should any one of the 20 currently pending gun-ban bills come up for a vote. And after you write those letters, go to the local gun store—it may not be there for long.

Finally, a quick reminder about the Unfunded Mandates bill: HR 140 currently has 219 sponsors. That's a big jump from the 130 it had in March when you read about it here. Congratulations on work well done to all of you who wrote your representatives or, like LP member Matthew Pizazza, had letters to the editor published on HR 140. Those of you who haven't written on it can give the bill that final push to passage! Remember, it ends Congress' habit of passing bills it doesn't think are important enough to pay for and forcing the states and localities to pick up the costs.

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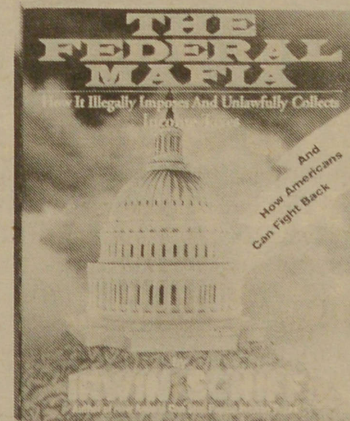
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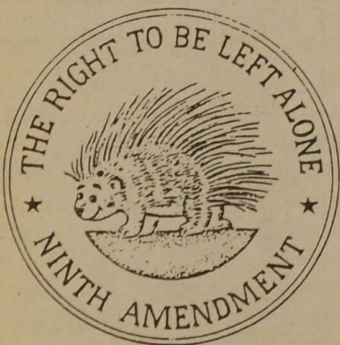
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Letters

Comments on Nixon, Stern, NAFTA, and more

Nixon

As the media recounts Richard Nixon's contributions to our country as president, one accomplishment is being overlooked. Nixon's disastrous wage and price control experiment in 1971 had an unintended but beneficial consequence.

It was this dramatic overnight loss of economic freedom that inspired a group of free market, classical liberals to break away from the two-party system to form the Libertarian Party. Now the third-largest and fastest growing party in America, the Libertarian Party has replaced the Republican Party as the only remaining political opposition to the growth of government.

It is indeed ironic that Richard Nixon deserves credit for (inadvertently) founding the Libertarian Party. Then again, perhaps "Tricky Dick" was more diabolically clever than any of us ever realized.

Richard Rider

LP candidate for governor
San Diego, CA

NAFTA and Pens

The deed is long past, but the issue is current because of the anger at the national party which has roiled inside me ever since. Looking, as if from the perspective of a detached observer, I can see current consequences. And I suspect I am not alone.

Like the travesty at Waco, it seems time had to pass before I could express my outrage in writing. It is over the national party's blithe endorsement of the massively flawed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). While my first impulse on learning of NAFTA was, "Oh, good! Our president understands and supports the value of freedom in the marketplace," a closer inspection revealed it to be an edifice erected chiefly to global



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

statism. The phrase "free trade" in the title was a sick, sick joke. And the Libertarian Party, in its battle-lust to oppose the ugly sentiments of protectionism, bounded onto the "bandwagon to hell," without exploring what the statist had crafted.

What makes this a current issue is that I find I have an emotional block against acting on any of Diedre Dennis's probably excellent suggestions to call, write, or fax in support or opposition on various bills. (And I do an enormous amount of political calling, writing, and faxing!) Her early suggestion that we all push and push hard for the passage of NAFTA makes me wonder how thoroughly she's investigated other bills.

Also, I note that I have not renewed my national party membership, and wonder if my continuing anger over the LP's NAFTA support has lowered renewal on my priority list. If so, for how many others might this also be true?

Jim McClarin
Nashua, NH

Howard

I recently rejoined the LP as a sustaining member. Shortly afterwards I received a letter asking for more money to help the LP build "credibility."

I would like to know how endorsing Howard Stern as a Libertarian candidate for governor of New York builds our credibility.

The LP has done something far worse than just make a joke (and a bad joke at that) out of themselves. They have publicly

trivialized and discredited the cause of liberty.

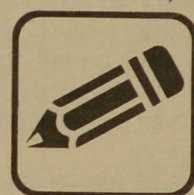
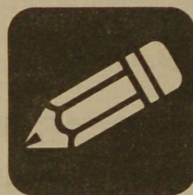
It is our needs as moral, rational, and creative beings that necessitate our need for liberty. As a side consequence of this principle, people like Howard Stern must have the right to broadcast obscenities over the air.

By endorsing Howard Stern as a Libertarian candidate, however, our party leaders have made a public statement to the effect that moral nihilism is the motive power behind liberty.

They have also given valid ammunition to conservatives who seek to discredit us.

There is a difference between adults who fight for a vision of a free, prosperous, and creative society, and a bunch of adolescents thumbing their noses at authority figures.

Gary Schnitzer
Dallas, TX



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Some Libertarians are afraid that we will become a joke if Howard Stern is our candidate for governor.

My fear is that we will become a joke if we chase Howard away and he isn't our candidate. Something like:

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Opportunity."

"Opportunity? You must have the wrong address. This is the Libertarian Party. Go away or we'll shoot."

John Donovan
Tappan, NY

Daniel Walker
Tallahassee, FL

Stern

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didate for lieutenant governor was Stanley H. Dworkin, an unknown to LP members. Dworkin, in fact, served as a Rockland County legislator from 1985 to 1994 as a Democrat. Just prior to his nomination, however, Dworkin joined the state Libertarian Party.

Although Dworkin was also nominated by the convention delegates on the first ballot, many Libertarians were upset by the voting process and at the choice of an unknown.

Newly-elected state chair Gail Bova said that "the state party has agreed to support Howard's campaign."

New York LP members are in the planning stages of the ballot drive to support the entire Libertarian slate, according to Bova. Besides Stern and Dworkin, other Libertarian candidates include Norma Segal, U.S. Senate; Daniel Conti, state attorney general; and Richard Geyer, state comptroller. State party members must gather 15,000 signatures to get the ticket on the ballot in November.

If Stern gets on the ballot and receives 50,000 or more votes in November, the New York LP will gain permanent ballot status, according to Bova.

The Stern nomination:

A statement by Steve Dasbach, LP national chair

Since the New York convention in April, many LP members have called LPHQ to ask what the national party intended to do about Mr. Stern's nomination.

Mr. Stern successfully recruited new Libertarian Party members, got his supporters to the convention, and decisively captured the nomination. The Libertarian Party of New York state committee is supporting his candidacy and is working to place the entire Libertarian ticket on the ballot.

The national Libertarian Party respects the autonomy of our state affiliates. The national party has not, and will not, take any action that would serve to undermine that autonomy.

The Libertarian Party of New York is organizing a volunteer petition drive to qualify the Libertarian ticket. At this time, we do not anticipate that the drive will require any assistance from the national party. Currently, there are no national funds budgeted for the New York ballot drive.

The national party does not provide direct financial support to any candidates seeking statewide or federal offices. We only provide direct support to winnable races, typically state legislative level or lower. We do provide some candidate training materials, which all Libertarian candidates may take advantage of.

Mr. Stern is not accepting any campaign contributions from any sources. Libertarians who wish to assist the New York ballot drive should contact the NYLP at P.O. Box 1664, New York, NY 10013 or call 914-949-1945.

Libertarians who oppose Mr. Stern's candidacy can rest assured that no contributions to the national LP are being used to support his campaign.

Only time will tell if the overall impact of Mr. Stern's candidacy on the LP is positive or negative. The Libertarian Party of New York convention is over; it's time to welcome our new members, move forward, and work together to build a stronger Libertarian Party.

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tarian ideas into government processes and the minds of voters.

Virginia

State party vice chair **Rick Sincere** and state party member **David Brown** recently visited the state capital in Richmond to present LP views on various issues. "It is remarkable how open the General Assembly is," said Brown. "We were able to walk into any office, present our views to our legislators (or their aides), and get our point across with no harassment, no barriers. They were, in fact, eager to hear our views." Sincere added, "We Libertarians still have the problem of no elected officials from our party in Richmond. That doesn't mean we have been silenced. We can lobby our legislators just like the special interests do."

Washington

The LP of Washington State is co-sponsoring the CLEAN initiative, a 10-point recovery program to return state government to the people.

CLEAN, which stands for Citizens for Legislative Ethics and Accountability Now, eliminates insider contracts and

the use of taxes for political campaigns. It prohibits the transfer of funds between candidates, and it prohibits part-time legislators from receiving full-time benefits. In addition, CLEAN ends influence peddling by legislators and staff who seek lobbyist jobs, and it requires all gifts—even a cup of coffee—be reported as campaign contributions. CLEAN also creates true open seats by preventing temporary appointees from having their names appear on the ballot in the next election. It makes the Sunshine Act, which opened public meetings and records, applicable to the legislature as it is with every other state agency. It also makes it illegal for people paid to work for the state legislature to hold political party office or manage political campaigns. CLEAN also strengthens state law to punish state officials who know, or should have known, about illegal use of funds and facilities on private political campaigns.

The state LP is a charter member of the CLEAN coalition, along with LIMIT, Washington Watch, United We Stand, America, and the New Alliance party. As a member the LPWS pledged money and signatures to the CLEAN initiative.

Quote of the Month

The following excerpts are from a column written by former Bush Administration staffer **James P. Pinkerton**, now a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. His syndicated column appeared across the country on April 10, 1994:

"Howard Stern for governor of New York? Well, why not? Just as nobody has to listen to his shock jock routine on the radio, nobody has to vote for him. Stern may be gross, but at least he's never asked the National Endowment for the Arts to subsidize his grotesquerie...Stern's candidacy is part of a larger phenomenon—the incompetence of the two major parties in New York and across America—that leaves an even bigger crater for 'alternative' candidates to fill.

"Cynics suspect that Stern's bid is just another stunt to sell even more copies of 'Private Parts,' his best-selling song of himself. But, amid the swear words and insensitivities, Stern does outline a tiny but coherent 'vision thing.' He's anti-tax, anti-welfare, anti-political correctness. He's pro-work, pro-choice on abortion, and, in an eccentric way, pro-family. He's the noisiest extremity of the Silent Majority. . .

"Today, it is safe to say that Clinton has not ended the search for new ideas in politics. And the best one can say of the Republicans. . . is that they are still in the midst of their post-Bush makeover.

"Economists have a term for this sorry situation: 'market failure.' If it continues, the Libertarians won't need a potty-mouth like Stern to attract attention. What will be noticed is their radical critique of the faltering status quo. Libertarianism is an American tradition, embodying the Jeffersonian maxim that government governs best when it governs least. . .

"If he runs, Stern is likely to get a lot of votes. His all-politics-is-local platform is simple and to the point. . .

"The American people are not ideologues: they will settle for what works. The Democrat-Republican duopoly was unchallenged as long as it delivered. Now that it delivers as well as the Postal Service, both parties need the courage to change. Or else."

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- House Resolution 406, which would allocate 56 hours of House time to debate proposals to reduce government spending. Every program, including entitlements, would be on the table. There would be an on-the-record "yes" or "no" vote on each specific spending cut. Only amendments that reduce spending would be allowed, and no tax increases could be considered.

- House Bill 3266, which provides for automatic reductions in congressional spending limits by the amount of the cuts, so the money can't be recycled into other government programs.

"It's time for real votes on real spending cuts," said Zelif about the bill. "It's time for free and fair debate on spending cuts."

The A-Z Bill has been endorsed by the Wall Street Journal, the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens for A Sound Economy, and Citizens Against Government Waste.

Dasbach said, "The A-Z Spending Cut Plan is just a drop in the bucket compared to what is needed. But it is a definite step in the right direction. I urge every Libertarian to help. Let's make sure Rep. Zelif knows he came to the right people when he asked us for support!"

Last August, a majority of House members—160 Republicans and 74 Democrats—signed a letter to Foley endorsing a special session to cut spending. However, Foley refused to act. Now Zelif and Andrews are trying to gather the signatures of 218 House members on a discharge petition, which would bypass the leadership and bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

What Libertarians can do:

► **Call or write your congressman as soon as possible. Ask them if they have signed the discharge petition for the "A-Z Spending Cut Plan." If not, urge them to do so immediately.**

Here's how to contact your U.S. Representative in Washington, DC:

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CA	Dooley, Calvin M. (D)
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NY	Maloney, Carolyn B. (D)
NY	Fish Jr., Hamilton (R)
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OH	Regula, Ralph (R)
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OH	Mann, Davis S. (D)
OH	Brown, Sherrod (D)
OH	Fingerhut, Eric D.
OK	English, Glenn (D)
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OR	DeFazio, Peter A. (D)
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UT	Orton, William H. (D))
VA	Bateman, Herbert H. (R)
WA	Inslee, Jay (D)
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number of Democrats, including Hubert Humphrey. In 1960 and 1964, he served as chief writer for the Republican national platforms.

In 1964, Hess became the chief speech writer for Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign. At one point during that campaign, Goldwater complained to reporters about the mechanics of a presidential campaign. When asked how he would prefer to run a campaign, Goldwater said, "I'd rent one of those little executive jets, and Shakespeare and I would just do it." The man Goldwater was referring to as "Shakespeare" was Hess.

Upon hearing of Hess's death, Goldwater issued a statement saying, "It is a sad loss. He was a very dear and valued friend, one of the finest writers I have ever known. I am going to miss him."

Following the 1964 presidential campaign, Hess became a member of the Students for a Democratic Society, a Vietnam war protestor, and a tax resister. When the Internal Revenue Service confiscated all his property and put a 100 percent lien on all of his future earnings, Hess taught himself welding and existed on bartering his work for food and goods. Along with commercial welding, he also produced artistic metal sculptures.

In 1969, Hess wrote an article for Playboy magazine entitled "The Death of Politics." In the article, Hess described his own libertarian philosophy. The article, written before the founding of the Libertarian Party, is often credited with having brought about a revival of the libertarian movement.

Hess then became involved with community-technology projects in Washington, DC, and traveled around the country lecturing on various appropriate technologies.

In 1975, Hess and his wife, Therese, moved from Washington to West Virginia, where they and his sons designed and built an energy efficient home.

In West Virginia, Hess found the life he had sought for so long. With family, neighbors, and friends, Hess lived a simple and happy life built around work—welding, writing, furniture repair, and lots more—and taking an active role in his community. Hess worked with local community technology groups, writer's groups, vocational education students, and more.

He became an active participant in volunteer literacy programs, both as a tutor and state board member. Most of his many neighborhood friends knew nothing of his past political life until after the friendships had been long-established. In West Virginia, Hess realized his ambition to be a "good friend, good lover, good neighbor."

"He has to be the most generous person who lives in the state," said Steve Fesenmaier, head of the film services division of the West Virginia Library Commission. "He is a monument to the individuality of West Virginians."

Throughout this period, Hess kept a hand in his "old" political life through speaking engagements at libertarian functions and on college campuses, and by writing for various publications, such as Harper's, Reason, and Liberty magazines.

He was named editor of the Libertarian Party NEWS in 1986 and served in that capacity until 1990, when health problems slowed his activity.

In 1992, Hess agreed to serve as the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor

of West Virginia to call attention to the difficulties of ballot access in the state. When asked by a reporter what he would do if he actually won the election, Hess replied, "I will demand an immediate recount."

After several hospital stays for heart surgery, Hess began work on his autobiography. Two years ago, he received a heart transplant at the University of Virginia hospital.

He leaves his wife, Therese; two sons, Karl and Eric; a grandson, Patrick; and countless friends and neighbors.

A "Day of Remembrance and Celebration of His Life" will be held at his home in West Virginia on June 11 (see page 10 for details).

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Memorial contributions can be sent to the Center for Independent Thought, 942 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94103, with a note that it is for Karl Hess. The money will be used to finish work on Hess' mostly-completed autobiography.

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Karl Hess 1923-1994

He plotted to kidnap Communists off the streets of New York and was arrested protesting the Vietnam War on the floor of the U.S. Senate; he wrote speeches for Barry Goldwater and articles for obscure anarchist magazines; he was a founder of the modern libertarian movement (and of *Liberty*) and of a self-sufficiency movement the inner city of Washington, D.C.

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June 4, 1994:

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June 18, 1994:

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June 25, 1994:

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Moriarty LPNYC guest

Michael Moriarty, free speech advocate, classical and jazz composer, and star of stage, screen, and television, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Libertarian Party of New York City on June 20.

The meeting will be held at the Ukrainian East Village restaurant at 2nd Ave. and 11th St. in New York City beginning at 7 p.m.

Moriarty gained national notoriety as the star of NBC's acclaimed "Law and Order" television show, and in Libertarian circles for his staunch defense of free speech in the face of Attorney General Janet Reno's calls for censorship of violence on television.

Moriarty favors decriminalization of narcotics as the way to reduce street crime, and he is a public skeptic of gun control as a crime solution. In part due to conflicts with "Law and Order" producers over his outspoken political views, Moriarty requested to be released from his contract with the program at the end of the current television season.

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