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Judge James Gray announces bid for U.S. Senate seat in California

Superior Court judge takes leave of absence to run against incumbent Barbara Boxer

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

California Superior Court Judge James Gray has announced that he will run for U.S. Senate in 2004 — and said his campaign will focus on his signature issue, ending the War on Drugs.

"Every single vote I get will legitimately be seen in favor of repealing drug prohibition," he said in his campaign announcement at the Old Courthouse Building in Santa Ana on November 19.

"I want to make this clear: If we focus our campaign on the Drug War, people who agree with us will not worry about 'throwing away their vote' on a third-party candidate. Our campaign will convince them, because of our anti-war stand, that every vote will rightfully be seen as a vote to end the Drug War."

Gray, 58, said his campaign slogan will be: "This time, it matters."

If he wins the party's nomination at the California LP state convention in March 2004, Gray would take on Democrat Barbara Boxer in the gen-

eral election.

Gray was introduced at his campaign announcement by syndicated radio talk show host and television personality Larry Elder.

Gray said he hopes to win up to 15% of the vote, which would be enough to help redefine the debate about drug laws.

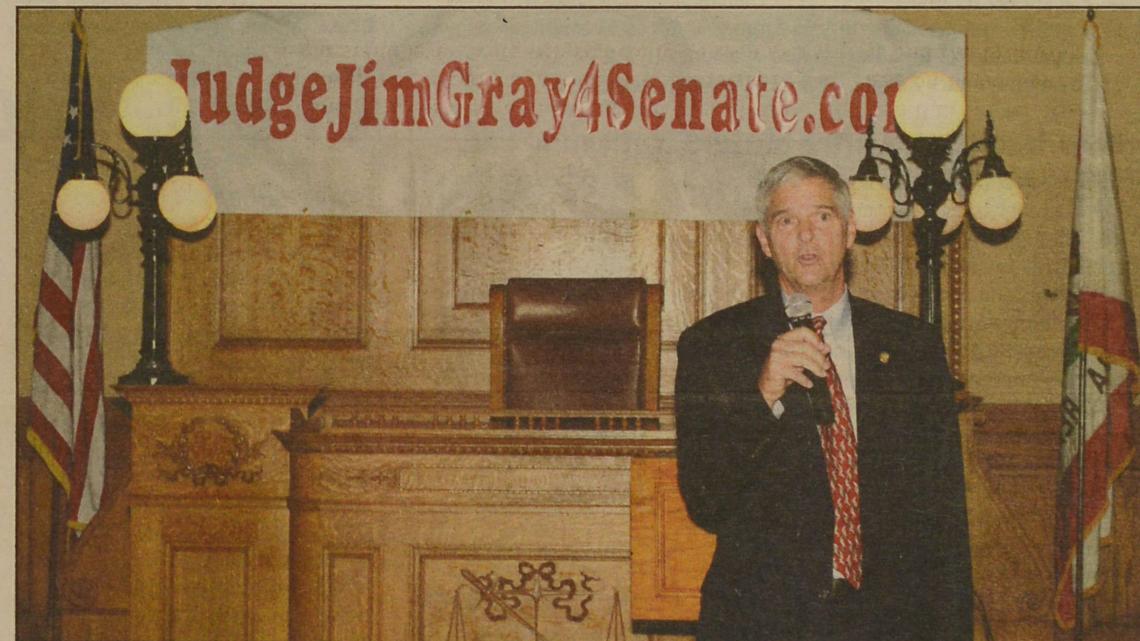
"If we capture only a third of the votes of people who favor drug reform ... that would be enough to make us a political force to be reckoned with and to put the drug war into the nation's political debate," he previously wrote in an article in *Liberty* magazine.

100% of his time

Gray has taken a leave of absence from his judge's position for the duration of the campaign. He said he plans to devote 100% of his time to his bid for U.S. Senate.

California Libertarians praised Gray's decision to run.

California LP State Chair Aaron Starr said, "We're very excited about Gray's prospects, especially when it comes to reaching out to his fellow



■ California Superior Court Judge James Gray announced that he will run for a 2004 U.S. Senate seat against incumbent Barbara Boxer. At the campaign kick-off event, held in Santa Ana on November 19, Gray said, "Because of our anti-war stand, every vote will rightfully be seen as a vote to end the Drug War."

elected officials."

California LP Southern Vice Chair Mark Selzer told the *Los Angeles Times*, "He brings with him the gravitas of his position. He's going to take our party to the next level in terms of the respect people have for us."

After a lifetime as a Republican, Gray became a dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party in February 2003.

In an article in *Liberty* magazine, Gray said he joined the LP because he "realized that the major parties

will never begin the process of ending the War on Drugs. The Republican and Democratic parties are invested in the drug war, committed to it.

"It takes another party to do that
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Ohio LP outraged by ballot access decision

A decision by the Ohio secretary of state to reject for technical reasons more than 60,000 ballot access petition signatures filed by the Ohio LP has left Libertarians stunned, angry, and threatening a lawsuit.

"[We] were outraged to learn that the secretary of state's office rejected [our] petition for statewide ballot access," said Ohio LP State Chair Jason Hallmark.

Ballot access expert Richard Winger said the decision proves that

Ohio election officials are "hostile" to minor parties.

"Ohio's action in disqualifying a petition with over 60,000 names, just because the format and wording are slightly different than the approved form, is unheard of in other states," he said.

On November 24, Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell sent a letter to Ohio Libertarians, informing them that every signature they submitted was invalid because of minor,

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Why aren't there more female Libertarians?

By Allison Brown
LEWROCKWELL.COM

One night last week I flew back from Memphis and landed in Maryland in the midst of a driving rain-storm.

The flight was one of the more turbulent I have ever endured, and there were more than a few nervous moments. But I did my best to hide any fear I felt in order to be strong for the teenage girl who happened

to be seated next to me. The death grip she had on my left arm as we approached the BWI runway, wings tipping left and right, left no doubt she was completely terrified.

Yes, we did land safely, to the obvious relief (and applause) of everyone aboard the aircraft. But in See WOMEN Page 16

Personal PERSPECTIVE

NEWS BRIEFS

Libertarian offers anti-Iraq War documentary

A Virginia Libertarian has created a documentary about the war in Iraq that he hopes other LP members will broadcast on public access television.

Jan Helfeld, who hosts a public access TV show in Falls Church, Virginia, released the documentary, entitled *To Invade or Not Invade*, in November. In the documentary, Helfeld makes the case that "the arguments for going to war with Iraq had neither a factual nor a logical foundation, and therefore the negative consequences of the war far outweighed any potential benefits," he said.

"For those that were in favor of the war, the video should serve as an opportunity to possibly revise their conclusion. For those that would enjoy seeing neocons and politicians go crazy with my questions, the documentary has a high entertainment value."

In *To Invade or Not Invade*, Helfeld interviews former CIA Director James Woolsey, UPI Editor Arnaud De Borchgrave, former Assistant Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank Gaffney, and others. It also features video clips from CNN and the Associated Press.

Helfeld said he made the documentary to help spread the word about the Libertarian Party's anti-interventionist foreign policy.

"I created the video to help change our foreign policy in Iraq and reduce the possibility of making the same mistake again," he said.

A home-viewing video version of the documentary costs \$10 plus \$4 shipping. It is available in VHS format, and it is 51 minutes long. A version suitable for broadcast is also available.

To order, contact Helfeld at: JanHelfeld@aol.com.

New Hampshire Free-Staters form new PAC

Free State Project members, who voted in October to move en masse to New Hampshire, have formed a political action committee to support "liberty-oriented candidates and issues within the Granite State."

The non-partisan, non-profit PAC, called the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA), was formally announced on November 15.

"The New Hampshire Liberty Alliance was conceived to help liberty-friendly candidates from all parties win office in New Hampshire," said NHLA Chairman James Maynard.

The NHLA will rank candidates for public office according to their positions on fiscal and social issues, and will support those who score highest, said Maynard. The NHLA could start offering candidate support by the March 2004 local elections, he said.

The PAC "will also be researching issues, and developing white papers to assist people in understanding how liberty and the free market work to provide the best possible solutions to the issues society faces today," said Maynard.

The PAC plans to also develop new charities to "provide services for New Hampshire communities and the underprivileged," he said.

The Free State Project seeks to get 20,000 small-government supporters to move to one state, where they will work to limit the size and cost of government. On October 1, the group announced that its members had selected New Hampshire as the target state.

While the Free State Project includes a number of LP members, it is not affiliated with the Libertarian Party.

For information about the NHLA, visit: www.nhl.liberty.org.

The Onion mocks 'save us from us' mentality

Score one for *The Onion*. The online magazine published one of its most accurate parodies ever on November 5 with a fake news article entitled "Government Must Protect Us From Ourselves."

The premise of the article: Alarmed by the "unhealthy choices" they make, "more and more Americans are calling on the government to enact legislation that will protect them from their own behavior."

In the piece, fictitious Americans demanded new government laws to protect themselves from smoking in their own homes, spending too much money on trendy clothes, and getting too much sun.

The article quotes Anita Andelman of the American Citizen Protection Group, who asks: "Why am I still legally allowed to drink too much caffeine, watch television for seven hours a day, and, in some states, ride in the back of a pickup truck? It just isn't right."

Also quoted is the Rev. Ted Hinson, who notes: "There is still much work to be done if we are going to achieve the ideal nanny-state."

In its sharpest libertarian barb, *The Onion* article quotes attorney Bernard Nathansen, who says: "We can all agree that many choices are too important to be left up to a highly flawed individual. Decisions that directly affect our health, or allow us to expose ourselves to potential risks, should be left to the wiser, cooler heads of the government."

The article is available at www.TheOnion.com.



■ James Maynard:
Liberty-oriented.



■ Judge James Gray (third from left) poses with Orange County Libertarian Party candidates during a campaign visit to Huntington Beach. Shown here with Gray (l-r): Norm Westwell, Jon Trask, Andy Favor, Bruce Cohen, and Brian Cross. Gray told the group: "This time, it matters."

Photo from the Orange County Libertarian

Gray launches U.S. Senate bid

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— one that holds dear the principles of liberty. The Libertarian Party is my natural home. And it is the Libertarian Party's historic mission to begin the peace process in the War on Drugs."

Gray is the author of *Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It: A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs*.

Published in April 2001 by Temple University Press, the book expounds on Gray's premise that "drug policy reform [is] the most important issue facing this country, and our so-called War on Drugs [is] our biggest failure."

In the book, Gray argues that the War on Drugs has not reduced the amount of illegal drugs available in the country; that it has eroded Americans' civil liberties; and that it makes drugs more dangerous.

Regulated sale

As a solution, he advocated "realistic" education about the dangers of drugs, mandatory drug treatment, needle exchange programs, drug decriminalization, and the regulated sale of drugs.

Gray has already announced a se-

ries of campaign activities over the next several months.

In January, for example, he is slated to give a speech at Santa Clara University (January 15); speak to the Shasta County LP in Redding (January 18); hold a press conference at a medical marijuana clinic in Fairfax (January 19); and speak to the Carmel Valley Rotary Club (January 20).

Gray will also do an interview on the Karen Grant Radio Show on KION AM (January 23); speak to a meeting of the Monterey County LP and FED-UP in Monterey (January 23); address a conference in Santa Cruz (January 24); and speak to the Sonoma County LP in Santa Rosa (January 25).

Longtime Libertarian activist Gail Lightfoot is also seeking the LP's nomination for U.S. Senate. Lightfoot is a registered nurse and the Chair of the San Luis Obispo LP. She was the 2002 LP candidate for California Secretary of State, winning 204,527 votes (2.82%).

Gray was appointed to the Orange County Superior Court by Governor George Deukmejian in 1983, and was re-elected in 1990, 1996, and 2002. Previously, he had served as a judge on the Santa Ana Municipal Court.

Peace Corps

A U.S. Navy veteran, Gray also served in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica for two years and worked as an adjunct professor at Chapman University. He received an undergraduate degree from UCLA in 1966 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Southern California in 1971.

Gray is married and has three children. He is a resident of Newport Beach, California.

For more information about the Gray for U.S. Senate campaign, visit: www.judgejimgray.com.

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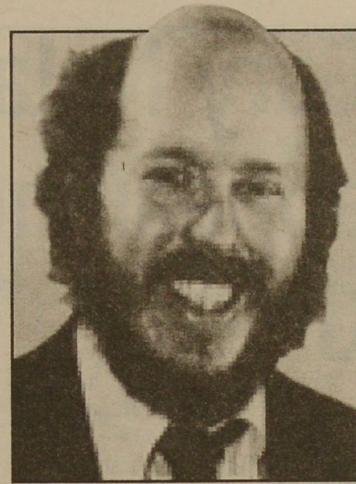
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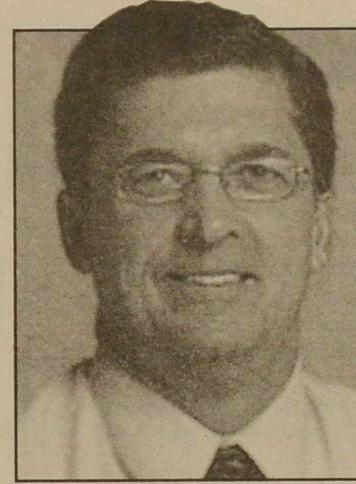
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■ Ed Thompson was the best-performing Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate of 2002.



■ Author James Bovard was called "a one-man truth squad" by columnist George Will.



■ Former sheriff Richard Mack helped make Constitutional history with his Brady Bill challenge.



■ Dr. Mary Ruwart wrote the book (literally) on effective outreach to the political Left.

Bovard, Nolan set to speak at Convention

One of the nation's leading libertarian critics of the War on Terrorism and the sheriff who battled the Brady Bill have been added to the speaker line-up for the 2004 Libertarian National Convention.

In addition, the founder of the Libertarian Party, the LP's most successful 2002 gubernatorial candidate, and a retired Navy vice admiral will address delegates at the convention, which will be held May 27-31, 2004 at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis Hotel in Georgia.

Newly confirmed speakers include:

- **James Bovard:** He's been called "a one-man truth squad" by columnist George Will and "Washington's most hated truth-teller" by the *Orange County Register*.

He's James Bovard — and he has made a career out of publicizing government abuse, power-grabs, mendacity, and cover-ups.

Acclaimed by libertarians for his classic *Freedom In Chains* and *Lost Rights*, his most recent book is *Terrorism and Tyranny*, an exposé of government failures in the War on Terrorism and an indictment of President George W. Bush's unnecessary invasion of Iraq.

■ **Richard Mack:** He helped make Constitutional history when his challenge to the Brady Bill won a victory in the Supreme Court.

Mack was a sheriff in Arizona in 1994 when he filed a lawsuit against the anti-gun bill. Mack charged that the provision requiring local law enforcement officials to do background checks on gun purchasers violated the Tenth Amendment. In a 1995 decision, the Supreme Court agreed, and in doing so, made Mack a hero of the gun rights movement.

In 2003, Mack joined the Libertarian Party and announced he would run for governor of Utah in 2004.



■ **David Nolan:** He was the prime mover behind the formation of the Libertarian Party in 1971. In fact, early meetings in his living room in Colorado led to the vote to officially launch the LP.

Nolan is also the originator of the groundbreaking Nolan Chart, a four-way map that more accurately shows a person's political beliefs. The chart was later incorporated in the famous World's Smallest Political Quiz.

■ **Ed Thompson:** He ran the LP's best campaign for governor in 2002 — and earned the second-best result for a Libertarian gubernatorial candidate in LP history.

Thompson, the brother of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and former mayor of Tomah, won 10.4% (just over 183,000 votes) in an eight-way race for governor of Wisconsin.

■ **Michael Colley:** He has an unusual background for a Libertarian Party member; he's a retired vice admiral in the U.S. Navy.

Colley, who joined the LP in June 2003, served as the commander of the Pacific Fleet submarine force during the Gulf War, and was Deputy Commander in Chief of the Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Since leaving the Navy, he has been active in the national security policy and analysis field.

■ **Mary Ruwart:** There is nobody better known in the libertarian movement for effectively reaching out to liberals, Christians, and New Agers than Dr. Mary Ruwart.

She's the author of *Healing Our*

World in an Age of Aggression, an updated version of her classic work that positions libertarianism as a philosophy of peace, harmony, and tolerance.

Previously scheduled speakers include actor Dean Cameron, Superior Court Judge James Gray, and syndicated radio talk show host Neal Boortz. Grammy Award-winning blues singer and guitarist Jimmie Vaughan will perform at a benefit concert.

In addition to speakers and entertainment, up to 1,400 delegates at the convention will nominate the LP presidential and vice presidential candidate for the 2004 election.

Delegates will also debate changes to the LP Platform, vote on Bylaws modifications, elect a new National Chair, and choose new Libertarian National Committee members.

For more information, e-mail: convention@hq.LP.org. Or visit: www.LP.org/conv/2004.

Richard Mack announces run for '04 Utah governor

Richard Mack, the former sheriff who rocketed to fame by challenging the Brady Bill in court, has announced that he will run for governor of Utah in 2004.

On November 6, Mack filed papers in the state Elections Office in Salt Lake City to launch a political action committee, Friends of Richard Mack, Inc., to support his campaign. According to state law, candidates for governor cannot officially file to run until March 2004.

Mack, 50, said he is running as a Libertarian because "the Republican and Democratic parties are part of the problems" in Utah and the United States.

"It's time to throw some good old-fashioned competition at the Democrats and Republicans," he said.

Mack rose to national prominence — and became a hero in the gun rights movement — when he filed a successful lawsuit against the Brady

bill in 1994. At the time, he was serving as sheriff of Graham County, Arizona.

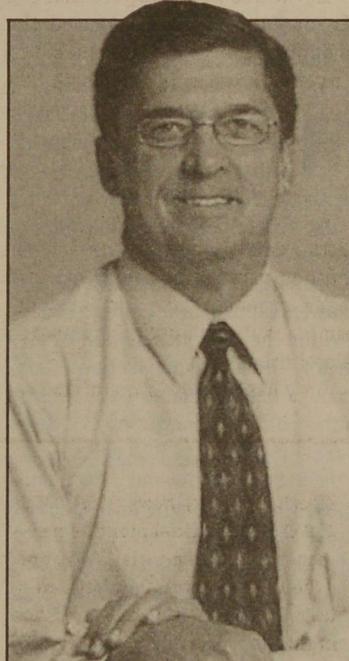
In the lawsuit, Mack charged that the bill's requirement that local law enforcement officials conduct background checks on gun purchasers was unconstitutional.

Tenth Amendment

In 1995, in a 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court agreed with him and another sheriff who had filed a similar lawsuit, and struck down that provision. The decision was widely seen as a victory for the Tenth Amendment, which reserves powers not specifically delegated to the federal government to states and individuals.

"The victory at the U.S. Supreme Court was truly a miracle," said Mack. "I was thrilled to be a part of it."

When he lost his bid for re-election for sheriff in 1996, Mack started a new career as a writer, a lecturer,



■ **Richard Mack:** "The Republican and Democratic parties are part of the problems" in Utah.

and a consultant in police misconduct cases.

Now, Mack, who joined the Libertarian Party in June, wants to add "Governor of Utah" to his resume.

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California Libertarians help defeat Measure Q

Monterey County, California Libertarians have saved county residents a quarter-billion dollars in higher taxes by convincing voters to reject Measure Q.

Election officials said the initiative, which would have boosted the county sales tax to bail out a county-run hospital, failed on a 61.3% to 38.7% vote.

While measure Q did win a majority of votes, it required two-thirds — or 66.7% — to become law.

About 73,000 people voted in the special December 2 mail-in election.

\$250 million

Had it been approved by voters, Measure Q would have raised the county sales tax by one-half cent, from 7.25% to 7.75%. The cost to taxpayers would have been \$25 million a year for at least 10 years — which works out to \$250 million in higher taxes.

POLITICIANS SAID
people would die if the tax failed, but "people saw through this sham," said Lawrence Samuels.

The initiative failed even though politicians and hospital officials said the Natividad Medical Center would be forced to close and "people will die" if voters did not raise taxes.

"Enough people saw through this sham, and defeated Measure Q," said Monterey County LP Vice Chair Lawrence Samuels, who also served as the chair of the Coalition of Tax-

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POLITICAL NEWS**LP hawks start 'Fight for Liberty' group**

A Washington state Libertarian has helped found an organization of "libertarian hawks" that will encourage the LP to support a more aggressive defense policy against terrorists.

The group, Fight for Liberty, "recognizes the need for a powerful military, whether private or state, to vanquish the terror movement," said founder Kevin Bjornson, an LP Life Member and former chair of West King County LP.

The group supports a "victory over terrorism," and opposes Libertarians who would "shrink the U.S. military to dangerous weakness," he said.

The current LP Platform, which calls for a non-interventionist foreign policy, the withdrawal of American military troops stationed abroad, and an end to foreign aid, is either "insanity or merely ridiculous," said Bjornson.

Fight for Liberty has passed a six-point program that advocates allowing Iraqis to have AK-47s; privatizing the Iraqi oil industry; legalizing drugs for U.S. adults; charging allies for NATO-type defense services; preventing the "theocratic/terror state of Iran" from developing nuclear weapons; and encouraging the "establishment of secular, rational government[s]" around the world.

Bjornson said Fight for Liberty will post foreign policy analyses, offer speakers for libertarian supper clubs and conferences, and serve as a "central posting board" for hawkish Libertarians.

For more information about Fight for Liberty, e-mail: fightforliberty@yahoogroups.com.

Number of election victories jumps to 25

The number of Libertarian winners in the November election has jumped to 25, thanks to four late-breaking victories in Pennsylvania and Washington state.

In Pennsylvania:

- Vernon Etzel was elected Elk Township Supervisor. He won 122 of the 138 votes cast (88.4%).
- Michael Robertson was elected Licking Township Supervisor with 69.9% of the vote.
- Berlie Etzel won two positions: Constable of Ashland Township (picking up 88.4% of the vote) and Auditor of Ashland Township (winning 79.3% of the vote).

Meanwhile, in Washington state, Mark Hamilton was elected to the Bonney Lake city council (At-Large Position 2). The Libertarian defeated the incumbent by a vote of 1,351 (61.3%) to 852 (38.7%).

In all, 25 Libertarians won victories in seven states in the November 2003 election: Michigan, Idaho, Washington state, Indiana, Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

About 210 LP candidates were on the ballot in 28 states.

COFOE condemns California primary plan

A coalition of third parties has condemned a plan to impose a new primary system in California that would almost certainly keep minor parties off the general election ballot.

The Coalition for Free and Open Elections (COFOE) said the "Voter Choice Open Primary" plan would give California voters "fewer choices in November for Congress than the voters of any other state."

Under the proposal, voters in California's March primaries would get a single ballot for all federal and statewide races, in which candidates of all parties would appear. The top two vote-getters would move on to the general election ballot in November.

The problem with the plan, said Richard Winger, publisher of *Ballot Access News* and COFOE field representative, is that it would give Republicans and Democrats a monopoly on the November ballot.

A study of 398 California elections found that minor party candidates placed first or second only 12 times.

"If the [proposal] becomes law, Californians will never see anyone on their November ballots, in Congressional and state elections, except Republicans and Democrats," he said.

Currently, Californians typically find four Congressional candidates on the November ballot; a Republican, a Democrat, and two minor party or independent candidates, said Winger.

No other state — even ones with open primary systems — confines the general election to just two candidates, he said.

A proposal to place the "Voter Choice Open Primary Act" on California's November 2004 ballot was filed on October 1. The proposed primary would not include presidential races.

COFOE passed a resolution condemning the plan on October 23. The group includes the Libertarian, Constitution, Green, Natural Law, Reform, and Socialist parties, and the Committee for a Unified Independent Party.



■ **Mark Hamilton:**
Bonney Lake city
council win.

Gary Nolan makes campaign appearances in seven states

Gary Nolan had a "cross-country" November — visiting striking grocery store workers in California, meeting with Arab-American leaders in Michigan, and speaking to students in New York.

Nolan, a former syndicated radio talk show host and current contender for the LP's 2004 presidential nomination, visited seven states during the month, according to campaign manager Steve Dasbach.

Some highlights:

On November 21, Nolan had lunch with Michael Farah, the president of the Lebanese-American Chamber of Commerce, and a group of Orange County, California Arab-American business leaders.

World Affairs Council

"As a result of the meeting, Gary has been invited to speak at an event on January 17; they're organizing a fundraiser for Gary the day before; and Gary will likely deliver a public policy speech to the Orange County World Affairs Council," said Dasbach.

On November 22 and 23, Nolan gave speeches to students at two Junior State of America conventions.

In Costa Mesa, Nolan gave the opening address to 850 high school students, and then spoke to 60 students at a break-out session in San Jose that afternoon. The next day, he delivered the closing address to



■ **Gary Nolan** is interviewed by a reporter from the *San Luis Obispo Tribune* after meeting with striking grocery store workers in Grover Beach, California on November 24.



850 students at the San Jose event.

All three speeches included an invitation for students to support the Libertarian Party, said Dasbach.

"[Nolan] told them that the future of America is in their hands," he said. "He encouraged them to vote for what they truly believed, and to not let anyone limit their choices. They appreciated his willingness to

be straight with them."

Nolan also addressed the issues, said Dasbach.

"He spoke about the insolvency of Social Security, how it won't be there for them, and that we need to move toward private retirement accounts," he said. "He spoke of the need to provide true national security by bringing our troops home. He called for the repeal of the USA Patriot Act; [and] requiring the country's biggest polluter (Uncle Sam) to clean up the mess it's created."

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Michael Badnarik wins second straw poll; makes campaign visit to New Hampshire

Michael Badnarik won his second consecutive presidential straw poll in November — a month that also saw him campaign in the first-in-the-nation primary state of New Hampshire.

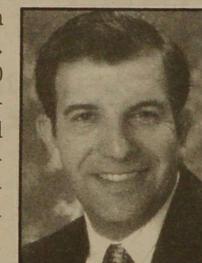
Badnarik, a past candidate for the Texas legislature and current candidate for the LP's presidential nomination, defeated major rival Gary Nolan in the November Cass County online poll by a margin of 49.1% to 35.5% (312 votes to 226 votes).

Badnarik said he was "flattered" by the win. "I promise to work even harder to maintain your respect and support," he told supporters. "I am even more motivated to make this campaign a success."

The poll, hosted by the Cass County LP in Missouri, is not scientifically valid. To view the poll, visit: <http://cass.molp.org/polls.htm>.

Badnarik started off November with a visit to New Hampshire, which will host the nation's first presidential primary on January 27. (The LP did not qualify to participate in that primary.)

On November 1, Badnarik spoke at the New Hampshire LP's state con-



■ **Michael Badnarik:** Wins poll.



ing Grammy Award-winning blues musician Jimmie Vaughan. The event, co-sponsored by the Texas LP, will raise money for ballot access and for the Badnarik campaign. For information, visit: www.AustinLiberty.org.

■ Two online Yahoo discussion groups have been formed to promote the Badnarik campaign. To join, send an e-mail to: Badnarik2004-discuss-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or dfw4badnarik-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

■ Badnarik qualified to appear in the non-binding LP presidential primary in Wisconsin on February 17.

Badnarik is the host of seminars about the U.S. Constitution, and a two-time LP candidate for state legislature. He lives in Austin, Texas.

To contact the Badnarik for President campaign, call: (512) 799-8200. E-mail: badnarik@badnarik.org. Visit: www.badnarik.org. Write: The Badnarik Campaign, P.O. Box 841, Buda, Texas 78610.

"My Father is 84 years old, a lifelong Democrat, pro-UN, and supports Single-Payer Health Care ... but this New Libertarian Product opened his mind to Libertarianism," says Carla Howell

What's the biggest libertarian communication problem?

It's NOT what many libertarians think it is.

It's NOT our evidence and argument.

It's NOT our facts and figures.

It's NOT our libertarian books, white papers, or studies.

It's NOT what we write or say, NOT how we write or say it.

It's NOT our Libertarian candidates or spokespersons.

Here's the biggest obstacle to successful libertarian communication:

Closed Minds.

How do we open people's minds long enough for us to get a fair hearing for libertarian ideas?

How do we get people to set aside their own beliefs, assumptions, opinions, and viewpoints long enough for libertarianism to receive an unbiased, thoughtful consideration?

How do we change Closed Minds into Open Minds?

YOUR TOUGHEST AUDIENCE

Of all the people you talk to, who do you have the most trouble getting through to?

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"MAYBE WE WOULD BE AMAZED"

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TALKING POINTS

Government programs don't work, and why higher taxes are coming

■ Rule of thumb

As a rule of thumb, Congressional legislation that is bipartisan is usually twice as bad as legislation that is partisan.

— THOMAS SOWELL
www.TownHall.com
 November 27, 2003

■ It took a study?

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget recently discovered most programs don't do what they are created to do.

According to the OMB performance assessments of 230 programs, 5% of the agencies were rated ineffective and 50.4% of the programs were rated "results not demonstrated."

— STEPHEN MOORE
The Washington Times
 November 7, 2003

■ A winning issue

Candidates looking for a winning issue in the 2004 elections should pay close attention to a new Gallup Poll. It shows that American voters still strongly support proposals to allow younger workers to privately invest a portion of their Social Security taxes through individual accounts.

Indeed, despite the sluggish stock market of the last couple of years, relentless Democratic attacks, and the failure of Republicans to provide real leadership on this issue, a stunning 62% of voters support individual accounts.

Moreover, the support cuts across nearly all political, ethnic, and age groups. One would expect young people to support individual accounts, and they do, by a margin of 83% to 13%. Voters in their 30s and 40s also support individual accounts, 72% to 26%.

— MICHAEL TANNER
Cato Institute Daily Commentary
 November 12, 2003

■ History repeats...

Number of U.S. troops who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq in the last two years: 354

Number who died in Vietnam in 1963 and 1964: 324

— HARPER'S, October 2003

■ Scare us stupid

First came the pre-emptive military policy. Now comes the pre-emptive campaign strategy. Before the president even knows his opponent, his first political ad blanketed Iowa [in November].

"It would take one vial, one canister, one crate slipped into this country to bring a day of horror like none we have ever known," Bush says, in a State of the Union clip.

With this ad, Republicans have



THE ENERGY BILL mandates a doubling of the amount of ethanol in gasoline that needlessly adds some \$9 billion to gas prices over the next five years.

announced their intention: to scare us stupid. But the real issue is trust: Should we trust leaders who cynically manipulated intelligence, diverted 9-11 anger, and lost focus on Osama so they could pursue an old cause near to neocon hearts: sacking Saddam?

The Bush war left our chief villains operating, revved up the terrorist threat, ravaged our international alliances, and sparked the resentment of a world that ached for us after 9-11.

Now Bush says that poor Turkey, a critical ally in the Muslim world, is the newest front in the war on terror. "Iraq is a front," he said. "Turkey is a front. Anywhere the terrorists think they can strike is a front."

Here a front, there a front, everywhere a terrorist front.

— MAUREEN DOWD
The International Herald Tribune
 November 27, 2003

■ Energy pork

It isn't often that the entire political class in Washington disregards the interests of the American people, but the \$100 billion pork barrel package in Congress that masquerades as an energy bill does just that. In this proposed legislation, there are no Republicans or Democrats putting

forth programs based on principle — just politicians feeding at the trough. Let's follow the money.

The bill mandates a doubling of the amount of ethanol in gasoline that needlessly adds some \$9 billion to gas prices over the next five years. Score one for the Midwest corn growers — and for Archer Daniels Midland Co., which makes ethanol.

Taxpayers are also subsidizing a big gas pipeline to Alaska to the tune of \$18 billion, even though prices are high enough for private companies to build it.

The energy bill offers politicians a package of taxpayer-funded goodies to give to campaign contributors and constituents before next year's elections. The entire Establishment in Washington ought to be ashamed of itself.

— BUSINESSWEEK
 December 1, 2003

■ Job loss, creation

Both Republican and Democratic interventionists like to focus on job losses as they call for trade restrictions, but let us look at what was happening in the 1990s.

Cox and Alm report that recent Bureau of Labor Statistics show an annual job loss from a low of 27 million in 1993 to a high of 35.4 million in 2001. In 2000, when unemployment reached its lowest level, 33 million jobs were lost. That's the loss side. However, annual jobs created ranged from 29.6 million in 1993 to a high of 35.6 million in 1999.

These are signs of a healthy economy, where businesses start up, fail, downsize and upsize, and workers are fired and workers are hired all in the process of adapting to changing technological, economic and global conditions. Societies become richer when this process is allowed to occur.

— WALTER WILLIAMS
Capitalism Magazine
 November 26, 2003

■ New discrimination?

On November 6, the Employment Law Alliance (ELA) released findings from its "America at Work" opinion poll portending a rise in lawsuits alleging employment-related obesity discrimination.

The survey found 47% of obese Americans believe they have suffered discrimination in the workplace. Nearly 40% of those who identified themselves either as obese or overweight contend they deserve special government protection against weight-based discrimination in the workplace.

Stephen J. Hirschfeld, chief executive officer of ELA, noted employers may be "looking at a problem that could rival or surpass that of gender and race discrimination in the workplace."

— JENNIFER G. HICKEY
Insight magazine
 December 9, 2003

■ Higher taxes...

Higher taxes are coming. The tax relief that President Bush and Congress have approved over the last two years is only temporary.

The federal government will spend \$21,000 per household in 2003, up from \$16,000 in 1999. Adjusting for inflation, this amounts to the largest four-year expansion of government in more than 50 years.

Taxes haven't risen yet because lawmakers have funded the entire spending increase with borrowed money. The Congressional Budget Office projects budget deficits of \$401 billion this year, \$480 billion in 2004, and \$1.5 trillion over the decade. Even those estimates exclude the costs of offering a Medicare drug benefit, extending expiring tax provisions, and reforming the Alternative Minimum Tax.

All government spending must eventually be funded with taxes, and budget deficits only delay the inevitable taxes (with interest). This year's \$374 billion budget deficit will add more than \$3,000 to the average

household's future tax burden.

Unless they balance tax relief with spending cuts, President Bush and Congress will leave a legacy of temporary tax relief followed by permanently higher taxes.

— BRIAN RIEDL
 The Heritage Foundation
 November 23, 2003

■ And record spending

[A new] report [from the Heritage Foundation] reveals that federal spending has increased by \$296 billion in the last two years; only 45% of that spending has been related to the war on terror.

The remaining 55% has been taken up with such traditional GOP faves as unemployment (up 85% since 2001), education (up 65%) and general government costs (up 63%, largely thanks to federal bailouts of state governments).

— TIM CAVANAUGH
Reason Online
 November 24, 2003

■ Constitution 101

The late William O. Douglas, the U.S. Supreme Court's longest-serving justice, coined a phrase that rings in many conservative hearts. The purpose of the U.S. Constitution, he once said, is to "keep the government off the backs of people."

This is worth remembering. [The federal and state constitutions] weren't written to tell citizens what to do, but to tell governments what they mustn't do to citizens. Both literally and in spirit, they were written as documents of liberty — to secure an array of inalienable rights that government simply can't take away.

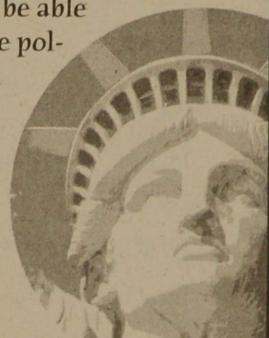
And though constitutions may seem to "create" rights, in truth they merely recognize those to which every human being is naturally entitled. The documents exist to remind lawmakers and executives that their power to regulate society is limited.

— THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE
 November 30, 2003

"Tyranny is always better organized than freedom."

—CHARLES PEGUY, FRENCH PHILOSOPHER (1873-1914)

That's not all: It's got more people working for it, too. And it's better funded. That's where you come in. If you want America to someday live up to its noble libertarian ideals, the Libertarian Party needs to be able to mount an effective challenge to the political parties that are more interested in pushing us towards tyranny than towards liberty. How can you help? By naming the LP in your will or insurance policy. For a private discussion of this option, call National LP Treasurer Bill Redpath at (703) 802-2978. Or e-mail him at: wredpath@his.com.



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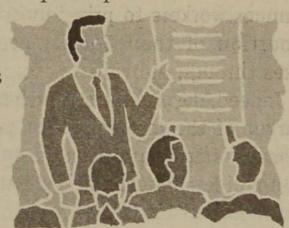
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AFFILIATE NEWS

Libertarians speak out on same-sex marriage, high school drug raid, and pro-tax Republicans

■ GEORGIA

State Libertarians blast drug raid on high school

A commando-style police drug raid on a high school in South Carolina was "a new low" in America's War on Drugs, Georgia Libertarians charged.

"Police entered a school and intentionally terrorized over 100 innocent children, all in the name of a War on Drugs we all know to be an abysmal failure," said Georgia LP State Chair **Helmut Forren**.

"[The War on Drugs has] trampled the rights of law-abiding citizens, and now jeopardizes our most precious resource, the lives of our children. America hit a new low in the War on Drugs."

On November 5, police officers and drug-sniffing dogs burst into Stratford High School in Goose Creek, South Carolina. With guns drawn, they wrestled students to the floor and restrained 14 students with plastic handcuffs. No drugs were found.

Such raids are an inevitable byproduct of the War on Drugs, said **James Bell**, Georgia LP legislative director.

"This can and will continue to happen in our schools as long as our nation continues to treat drug use as a police matter rather than a health issue," he said.

■ GEORGIA

Georgia LP compliments Calif. e-voting decision

A decision by the California government to require electronic voting machines to produce a voter-verifiable paper ballot shows that "even a bureaucrat in the land of 'nuts and flakes'" can occasionally get one right."

So said Georgia LP Vice Chair **Garrett Michael Hayes** on November 23, after the California Secretary of State issued the paper ballot decree because the "average voter" seems to lack confidence in touch-screen voting machines.

The Georgia LP is closely following the California decision because Georgia has been using touch-screen voting machines since 2002 — and the devices have come under fire from critics who say they are susceptible to fraud and software glitches.

"Voters here in Georgia are losing faith in the ballot process, because they are being told 'convenience' is more important than ensuring that their vote is actually counted," said Hayes. "But we want [our votes] in writing."

Touchscreen voting machines record and tabulate votes electroni-



Reaching out to JSA high school students in San Jose, California

■ Left: Lawrence Samuels, vice chair of the Monterey County LP, is mobbed at a Libertarian Party outreach booth at the Junior State of America convention in San Jose, California.

Right: Libertarian National Committee Alternate (Region 2) Scott Lieberman offers a sign-up sheet to an attendee at the same event on November 22.

"We probably had about 100 students take the World's Smallest Political Quiz," said Lieberman. "Most of them scored in the Liberal quadrant, or Centrist with Liberal tendencies. Given that many of these students were from the San Francisco Bay area, that is not surprising."

However, he said, "Some of the students said that it was helpful to hear the libertarian point of view."

The Junior State of America convention attracted about 850 high school students. The organization focuses on politics, debate, government, and the law.



cally using a computerized touch-screen "ballot." Unless a printer is attached, they produce no paper ballot for voters to check.

■ MASSACHUSETTS

Get government out of marriage, says state LP

State Libertarians have a solution to the controversy over same-sex marriages: Get government out of the wedding business.

"Love and marriage between consenting adults is not the domain of politics and government," said Massachusetts LP State Chair **Kamal Jain**. "It is the domain of individuals and their religious beliefs."

On November 18, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the state's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. The decision could force the legislature to legalize same-sex marriages, making the Bay State the first state to recognize such unions.

The ruling sparked a fierce controversy between liberals and conservatives, and some politicians vowed to pass a Constitutional amendment to "protect" traditional marriage.

However, if government neither sanctioned nor prohibited marriages — and simply allowed individuals and religious officials to decide — such a political battle would be unnecessary,

said **Rich Aucoin**, the LP's 2002 candidate for Lt. Governor.

"Government should be impartial when it comes to loving relationships between individuals," he said. "[That would] stop all the time-consuming political infighting."

■ MASSACHUSETTS

Primary seatbelt law is example of 'nanny state'

For state legislators who may turn seatbelt laws into a primary offense, Libertarians have a message: Don't.

In Massachusetts, a driver can currently be ticketed only if he or she has been pulled over for another infraction.

However, the legislature is considering a primary enforcement law, which would allow police to stop and ticket motorists solely for not wearing a seatbelt.

"[We knew it was] only a matter of time before the seatbelt hounds would be back to morph their secondary-enforcement law into [a] zero-tolerance law," said Massachusetts LP spokesman **Rich Aucoin** in a November 24 statement.

"Now they are attempting to increase their nanny-state powers, employing their tried-and-true method of dismantling freedom of choice: Stripping away a little at a time."

The danger is especially acute,

said Aucoin, because Republican Governor Mitt Romney has shown a willingness to increase the cost and power of government.

"We fully expect the Republican governor to make government even more intrusive, because that's what Republican and Democratic politicians do," he said.

■ NEVADA

UNLV Libertarians host Tunnel of Oppression

You want oppression? We'll show you oppression.

That was the thinking of University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) Libertarians, after the college hosted a "Tunnel of Oppression" exhibition to show how people are oppressed by society.

In response, Libertarians sponsored a Tunnel of Government Oppression to offer the pro-liberty perspective, said UNLV College Libertarians President **Brandon Robison**.

The Libertarians' exhibition explained "how government regulation of economic and personal freedoms has led to the vast majority of the problems we see in our society," he said.

Libertarians hosted their Tunnel of Government Oppression near the Thomas and Mack Center from November 24 to 26.

The UNLV's original Tunnel of Oppression focused on "oppression" caused by a lack of educational access, modern slavery, the plight of the elderly, stereotyping, and "fear and hatred." It cost \$6,000 to produce, and reflected a strong "pro-government bias," said Robison.

"And our taxes and tuition [paid] for it," he said.

■ NEW JERSEY

LP gets county govt. agendas posted online

Middlesex County residents will get a slightly more "user-friendly" government, thanks to the Somerset and Middlesex Counties LP.

In late November, the Middlesex County Administrator said the county Board of Freeholders will start posting meeting agendas to the Internet in advance of meetings.

The policy will allow voters to pose better-informed questions to elected officials, said Somerset and Middlesex Counties LP Secretary **John Paff**, who had made the request to post the agendas.

"Government organizations have so much of an advantage over the average citizen because they have everything at their disposal," he told the *East Brunswick Home News Tribune*.

Currently, the eight- to 10-page agendas are distributed at the beginning of the evening meetings.

Under that system, said Paff, "You show up at the freeholder meeting and you look at the agenda for the first time, and the agenda is very long. I can't think of a better way to inhibit public comment."

The new online agenda policy is scheduled to be implemented before the end of 2003.

■ NEW YORK

Plan to boot lawmakers doesn't go far enough

A proposal by the Nassau County Executive to kick a few incumbents out of office is good, but it doesn't go far enough, said state Libertarians.

"We need to throw out most legislators — and replace them with Lib-

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ertarians," said Nassau County LP Chair **Richard Cooper**.

On November 14, Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi said he might work to defeat one incumbent Republican Senator and one incumbent Democrat Assembly member in 2004.

The Democrat said the strategy would send a message to the state capitol that state policies — such as unfunded mandates — were harming local government.

The only problem with the plan, said Cooper, is that nothing would change if voters simply elected new Republican and Democratic officeholders.

Only Libertarians "will champion individual liberty, free markets, and personal responsibility to promote a society that enjoys more justice, abundance, and peace," he said.

■ OREGON

16 pro-tax Republicans should resign, says LP

If voters say no, 16 Republicans should go. That's the message delivered by Oregon LP leaders on December 1.

More precisely, if voters overturn an \$800 million tax hike in an upcoming special election, the 16 Republican legislators who voted for the tax increase should resign, said Oregon LP State Chair **Tom Cox**.

And if they don't, said Oregon LP Executive Director **Richard Burke**, "The Libertarian Party will field candidates against every Republican legislator who voted for this tax."

In August, the state legislature passed an \$800 million package of temporary and permanent tax increases. Eleven State House Republicans and five State Senate Republicans supported it.

However, every Republican should have voted against it, said Cox, since they claim to be a "taxpayer friendly" party.

Instead, "Republicans and Democrats alike voted for one of the largest tax increases in Oregon's history," he said.

On November 25, Libertarians and other anti-tax activists submitted enough petitions to qualify an initiative to repeal the tax increase. The special election will be held on February 3, 2004.

■ PENNSYLVANIA

County LP may challenge 'Green Fields' initiative

Montgomery County Libertarians have charged that the Green Fields, Green Towns initiative passed by voters on November 4 was "misleading" — and say they will file a legal challenge against it.

The Montgomery County LP sent a letter to the County Board of Commissioners, saying that the legal notice for the referendum did not comply with the law.

Specifically, the legal notice did not include the exact amount of debt or the estimated total cost of the project, Montgomery County LP Chair **Jim Baab** told the *Bucks & Montgomery County Intelligencer*.

"There is a vagueness problem in



Celebrating a county party anniversary in Morrow, Georgia

■ Members of the Clayton County LP pose at their fifth anniversary party in Morrow, Georgia in September.

"When we first got started, we were just a handful of guys trying to figure out what to do," said founding chair **Mark Mosley**.

Since then, however, the party had a member appointed to the Forest Park Board of Ethics, helped get a property protection bill signed into law, and ran two candidates for city council in November, he said.

In 2004, said Chair **Philip Bradley**, "We'll be running candidates for school board, local Representative districts, State Senate, and especially for any Board of Commissioner seats that come up for election."

Shown here in the bottom row (left to right) are Doug Craig, Todd King, Thomas Cron, Scott Kjar, Mark Mosley, and Randy Daugherty. In the top row (left to right) are Vice Chair Ken Parmalee, Chair Philip Bradley, Treasurer George Sheetz, and Secretary Barry Wearne.

the referendum and a \$100 million discrepancy," he said.

County voters passed the initiative on a lopsided 77.7% to 22.3% vote. The measure authorized the county government to borrow \$150 million to purchase land as part of an "open space" program.

However, the interest on the bonds will cost another \$80 million to \$100 million, which was not mentioned on the referendum question.

Baab said the Montgomery County LP is putting together a legal team to fight the referendum in court.

■ PENNSYLVANIA

LP State Chair will write columns for the *Inquirer*

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* has become more libertarian.

That's because Pennsylvania LP State Chair **Ken Krawchuk** has signed a contract to write op-ed columns for the newspaper.

"This is a real breakthrough for me personally and for the Libertarian Party," said Krawchuk. "It's often been an uphill struggle to get the Libertarian viewpoint into big-league papers like the *Inquirer*. But now it's they who are taking the initiative [and] soliciting our input!"

Krawchuk, 50, who was also the Pennsylvania LP's 2002 gubernatorial candidate, will contribute columns from "time to time."

His first column, about the debate over an "open-space" referendum in nearby Montgomery County, appeared in the October 23 edition of the newspaper.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* is the city's largest newspaper, with a daily

circulation of about 377,000.

Krawchuk is a Philadelphia native who now lives in Abington Township, just north of the city. He is founder and president of Ken Krawchuk & Associates, Ltd., an information technology consulting firm.

■ SOUTH CAROLINA

State LP is 'troubled' by gun-toting police raid

State Libertarians say they are "troubled" by a police raid on a high school that saw officers brandish guns at frightened students.

"There is a dangerous momentum building in law enforcement across America," said South Carolina LP Media Coordinator **Ed Haas** on November 8. "The trend seems to be that it is acceptable for police to disregard the basic tenets of the Bill of Rights."

In a dramatic scene that was captured on videotape by school surveillance cameras, police officers and drug-sniffing dogs raided Stratford High School in Goose Creek on November 5.

With service revolvers drawn, police ordered cowering students to drop to the floor, and restrained 14 students. No drugs were found.

The most disturbing thing, said Haas, is that "the police seem to believe that their conduct was within

the bounds of the Constitution."

However, Libertarians believe that Americans should not "have to live in fear of the police," he said. "[This] is completely unacceptable. Police must return to the principles they have sworn to uphold and protect when they took their oath of duty."

■ TEXAS

Polk County Libertarians advertise for candidates

The Libertarian Party wants YOU to run for office.

That's the message in a quarter-page advertisement the Polk County LP ran in a local newspaper, the *Polk County Enterprise*, on December 4.

It's part of the county LP's campaign to run more candidates, said Polk County LP Chair **Kris Overstreet**.

"Bring on the candidates," he said. "The more the merrier."

The ad encourages people who believe in "smaller government, lower taxes, and less bureaucratic prying" to seek the LP's nomination for various county offices.

The Polk County LP will select candidates in a "mock primary" at its annual convention on March 9, the same day as the Democratic and Republican primaries.

Overstreet said he isn't worried that non-Libertarians might try to run under the LP banner.

"If a candidate comes along that we can't support, [we] have the option to vote None of the Above," he said.

The *Polk County Enterprise* is a twice-weekly newspaper with a circulation of about 7,300.

■ VIRGINIA

College students get in hot water over bake sale

Libertarians at the College of William and Mary have cooked up a controversy. Or rather, *baked* up a controversy.

An Affirmative Action Bake Sale conducted by the libertarian group Sons of Liberty was shut down by the administration on November 8.

At the event, Sons of Liberty members sold cookies and brownies at different prices for different racial and ethnic groups. For example, whites paid more than Hispanics.

Administration officials showed up and told the libertarians they were in violation of the school's anti-discrimination policies. The group was ordered to sell the baked goods for the same price to everyone. Rather than comply, they closed up shop.

"The whole point was to show how affirmative action itself was racist," Sons of Liberty cofounder **William Coggins** told the student newspaper, the *Dog Street Journal*.

Another Sons of Liberty co-founder, **Pat Reilly**, said he was surprised by the hubbub.

"The point of the bake sale was just to raise awareness," he said. "It was not to offend anybody."

■ WISCONSIN

Libertarian plots recall of Wisconsin governor

Inspired by the successful recall of Governor Gray Davis in California, a Wisconsin Libertarian wants to bring "recall fever" to his state.

Former Wisconsin LP Vice Chair **Rolf Lindgren** has announced the formation of an effort to recall Democratic Governor Jim Doyle from office.

Lindgren set up a website — www.recalldoyle.com — to promote the effort, and said he has recruited directors in 16 locations to coordinate a signature-collecting drive.

Lindgren said Doyle deserves to be recalled because he vetoed a property tax freeze bill.

"I think taxes are too high," he told the *Fox River Valley Post-Crescent*. "They never go down. They just go up, up, up."

To qualify a recall question for the state ballot, Lindgren will have 60 days to collect 443,000 valid signatures, or 25% of the number of state residents who voted in the 2002 gubernatorial election.

Under state law, Doyle can't be recalled until January, when he has served in office for one year.

The Wisconsin LP has not endorsed the recall effort.

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THE REVIEW

Bringing liberals to liberty

■ *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*, by Dr. Mary J. Ruwart. SunStar Press. Trade paperback, 435 pages. \$24.95. Available at: www.ruwart.com.

Reviewed by Sunni Maravillosa
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Liberals just can't be brought to libertarianism. I've lost count of how many times I've read or heard this assertion over the years. And it's just as absurd every time I've seen it, no matter how it's been presented.

Now, it's true that many libertarians find more common ground among conservatives than liberals, but I know of many who've made the transition from leftist to pro-freedom — I even helped bring along a chap whose grandfather was a good Soviet Communist Party member, and whose father was an American communist.

It can be difficult for those who are more comfortable with logic and analysis to try to sway someone who values emotions and feelings. Fortunately, freedom lovers now have a potent weapon that ought to work well at persuading statists of either stripe.

That weapon is Mary Ruwart's third edition of her book, *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*.

Calling it a third edition really doesn't do the book justice, however. It's completely reworked from the previously published *Healing Our World*, and offers an annihilation of just about every justification for the state that's ever been claimed. The annihilation is so thoughtful and gentle that those swayed by emotion likely won't notice their sacred oxen being gored. It's also so thoroughly reasoned that those persuaded by logic will find little to quibble about.

Ruwart begins with a purely libertarian idea — the non-aggression principle — and presents it as the Good Neighbor Policy. She shows how it can be applied in the gamut of human interactions, through cogent examples, clear text, and pointed cartoons. Sprinkled throughout the book, my favorite cartoons are the ones that label an individual's aggressive action as illegal, but when the "Guns of Government" get involved, the activity is legal.

Organized into five sections, with headers taken from the Lord's Prayer, *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression* covers the spectrum of important issues, from poverty to health care, from fractional reserve banking to international economics and militarism.

Throughout, in clear, measured language that is neither condescending nor dumbed down, Ruwart shows how violations of the Good Neighbor Policy cause problems.

While the message is clearly anarchist, Ruwart avoids all such scary-sounding terms and focuses on her message: what the state does is bad. Of course, that means that the state itself is bad, but because that's a scary idea to those who believe government is here to help us, it's left to the reader to make that inference.

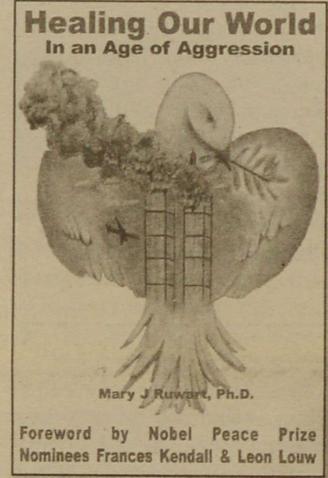
While some may fault Ruwart for pulling back, it seems a very smart strategy. Not everyone will be ready to accept that conclusion, and to force an unwilling reader is to possibly close a mind.

Besides, it leaves us foot soldiers plenty of room to help individuals see that *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression* is all about freedom. And that's what we ought to do.

Clearly and beautifully, Ruwart puts a very human face and a positive tone on libertarianism. Without compromising a single principle, or muddling or backpedaling on any issue, she presents the whole of the freedom philosophy in a way that can reach any thinking, caring person.

If you buy any book to share with non-libertarians in hopes of persuading them, buy *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*. If Ruwart's clear, gentle prose doesn't work, the wide-ranging quotations liberally sprinkled throughout will at least get people thinking. And, if there is any justice in this world, Ruwart will one day be recognized as the preeminent ambassador of peace and liberty of our time.

■ **About the reviewer:** Sunni Maravillosa is the Book of the Month editor at Free-Market.net and co-founder of the Liberty Round Table. This review was originally published on www.Free-Market.net.



California Libertarian files appeal in lawsuit over e-voting machines

A California Libertarian has filed an appeal to try to overturn a lower court ruling that allowed election officials to refuse to add voter-verifiable paper ballots to electronic voting machines.

"This is a case of exceptional national importance," said Susan Marie Weber about her appeal to the full 11-member Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on November 15.

Weber's lawsuit seeks to prevent the Riverside County, California government from using so-called direct recording electronic (DRE) touch-screen voting machines.

If DRE systems are used, Weber asked the court to require printers to be added to the machines to produce a voter-verifiable paper ballot.

False claims

In her appeal, Weber argued that two lower courts that ruled against her were misled by false claims from the companies that manufacture electronic voting machines.

The companies, Sequoia Voting Systems and Diebold Election Systems, claimed that their machines — which allow voters to cast votes electronically using a computerized touchscreen "ballot" — are secure from tampering and software bugs.

However, Weber said such claims were contradicted by recent news reports.

"Again and again, from all over the country, we are seeing reports of

electronic voting systems with inherent flaws, lack of programming security, and last-minute 'patches' being installed by voting machine corporations," she said.

Weber also said that numerous computer science experts have expressed concern about the integrity of electronic voting machines.

For example, a widely publicized study from the Information Security Institute at Johns Hopkins University in July revealed that paperless electronic voting machines are susceptible to fraud and tampering.

"Without a voter-verified paper ballot that could be used for an independent audit trail, voters could never know for sure that their vote had been recorded as they intended," said Weber.

Weber filed the appeal after the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled against her on October 28.

In the court's ruling, Judge Pamela Ann Rymer wrote that Weber raised "at most a hypothetical concern" about the potential dangers of electronic voting systems.



■ Susan Marie Weber: Courts were misled.

Weber, the Chair of the Desert Area Libertarians in Palm Desert, California, had originally filed her lawsuit in August 2001. The suit named then-California Secretary of State Bill Jones, and Riverside County Registrar of Voters Mischelle Townsend as defendants.

Weber's suit argued that touch-screen voting systems are illegal under California law, and violate the Fourteenth Amendment's "equal protection" clause. According to California Elections Code §19205, all voting machines must be "safe from fraud or manipulation."

Untestable voter tallies

Without a paper ballot, DRE machines create "unobservable, unverifiable, non-recountable, untestable voter tallies," argued Weber.

Weber lost the first round when Judge Stephen V. Wilson ruled against her in September 2002.

The three appellate judges in the Ninth Circuit supported Wilson's ruling, and refused to allow the testimony of computer experts.

In February 2003, delegates at the California LP convention passed a resolution opposing "any computer, Internet, or direct-record electronic voting system that does not use a voter-verified paper ballot as the ballot of count, recount, audit, and record."

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Ohio LP shocked by ballot access decision

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technical violations of state election regulations.

Specifically, Blackwell said the petition forms used by Libertarians were illegal because a space had been added for signers to print their last names, and because a sentence about the legal penalty for falsification was slightly different than the state's mandatory language.

The forms were not "as prescribed by the Secretary of State," wrote Blackwell.

Ohio Libertarians had submitted more than 60,000 signatures on October 30 to qualify a slate of candidates for the 2004 ballot. The signatures had been gathered during a two-year petitioning drive.

State law required 32,290 signatures — equal to 1% of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election — to gain minor party status.

The Ohio LP (LPO) had not anticipated any problems getting the petitions certified, said Hallmark.

So they were shocked when they got the letter from Blackwell, informing them that the signatures were "invalid due to the form," he said.

During the Ohio LP's last petition drive in 1999, "The LPO had been advised by a former Secretary of State that non-substantive changes to the form were allowed," said Hallmark.

Because of that ruling, Libertarians had rearranged the petitioning form slightly to add space to allow signers to print their last names.

That made "it easier to circulate the petitions and obtain valid signatures," said Hallmark. "No problems were anticipated with this."

Interprets law differently

When Libertarians told Blackwell that "similar changes had been made in the past and accepted, the LPO was told that the current administration interprets the law differently," said Hallmark.

There was a different problem with the mandatory language on the petition. State law requires all ballot access petitions to include language informing potential signers about the legal penalties for falsifying information.

"During the LPO's ballot drive, the statutory penalty for election falsification was changed," said Hallmark. "The state made no notification of this change to third parties, and LPO leaders were unaware that the petition language had been modified."

Hallmark said the Ohio LP expects to retain lawyer Gary Sinawski to file

an injunction against Blackwell. The lawsuit would challenge the constitutionality of Ohio's ballot access laws in a federal district court.

The Libertarian Party is the only third party that tried to qualify as a party in Ohio for the 2004 elections.

Winger, the publisher of *Ballot Access News*, said the secretary of state's actions maintained Ohio's reputation as one of the most hostile states for third parties.

Of the nine most populous states in the USA — defined as states with 15 or more electoral votes — Ohio is the only state that had any elections during the past 11 years with no third parties on the ballot, said Winger.

Only deviant state

"It is the norm in the U.S. that the populous states have a good number of minor parties on their ballots in every presidential and Congress-

sional election year," he said. "Ohio is the only deviant state."

Ohio kept all parties except the Democratic and Republican parties off its ballot in 1992, 1994, and 2002, said Winger. "Now, the pattern will be repeated in 2004 [unless a lawsuit is successful]," he said.

If Libertarians do file a lawsuit, and argue that Ohio's early petitioning deadline is unconstitutional, they should have a good chance of win-

ning the case, said Winger.

"Precedent is heavily on the Libertarian Party's side," he said. "Lawsuits to overturn early petition deadlines have succeeded in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota."

Libertarians can also argue that "disqualification of its petition for petty format reasons violates due process," said Winger.

"It may be that Ohio will be sorry they threw out that petition on a technicality," he said.

Gary Nolan for President America's Voice of Liberty

"Our message must be one of optimism and hope for the future. We must do more than complain about the failed policies of Democrats and Republicans. We must present positive, libertarian solutions to the problems that concern average Americans. That's the kind of campaign I want to see a Libertarian Presidential candidate run. That's the kind of positive campaign I am committed to running."

Gary Nolan has been "America's Voice of Liberty" for more than a decade, reaching millions with his message of individual liberty, personal responsibility, and constitutionally-limited government.

As the host of two nationally-syndicated radio shows, Gary Nolan entertained listeners with insightful political commentary and substantive public policy debate. His "Nolan at Night" program, broadcast nightly from Washington, DC on the Radio America Network, featured numerous high-profile guests, including an entire night each week devoted to experts from the libertarian CATO Institute.

From 1997 to 1999, in addition to hosting his nightly radio show, Gary Nolan served as President of Washington-based "Capitol Watch," working to defend American taxpayers from "higher taxes and wasteful spending." He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the anti-tax group "Free the Eagle."

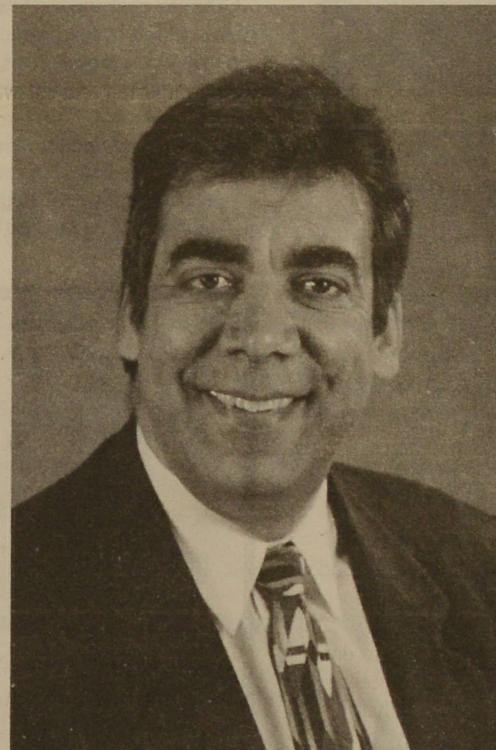
As a small businessman in Cleveland, Ohio, Gary Nolan was initially attracted to the Republican Party. Over time,

he became increasingly frustrated with their bloated budgets and continuing failure to cut spending. During a live nationwide radio broadcast in January 1999, he publicly

resigned from the Republican Party and became a proud card-carrying member of the Libertarian Party.

Gary Nolan has been interviewed more than 30 times on national television, including appearances on ABC's "World News Tonight," CNN, FOX News Channel, MSNBC and C-SPAN. His media savvy & expertise on a wide range of issues make him a formidable candidate to represent the Libertarian Party as its nominee for President.

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Group offers 'training' video on searches

A new libertarian organization called Flex Your Rights is producing a video to educate Americans about their right to "just say no" to police searches.

The video, entitled *Busted: The Citizen's Guide to Surviving Police Encounters*, is designed because most Americans don't know they have a Constitutional right to refuse to be searched by police who don't have a valid warrant, said Flex Your Rights (FYR) Executive Director Steven Silverman.

"The sad fact is that most of us are unprepared to handle a police encounter confidently," he said.

According to experts, about 90% of people voluntarily agree to let police search their car or person. However, under the Fourth Amendment, Americans have the right to refuse warrantless searches.

The *Busted* video shows typical police encounters, and gives a step-by-step guide how individuals can calmly and effectively refuse demands from police that they submit to a search.

The video will help "protect peaceful people from being searched, arrested, and possibly jailed by training them to legally assert their Constitutional rights during police encounters," said Silverman.

FYR hopes to get 100,000 Americans to view *Busted* in one year, and plans to advertise it in such publications as *Rolling Stone* and *Reason*. The video is scheduled to be released in December.

For information about FYR, visit: www.FlexYourRights.org. Call: (202) 986-0861. Or write: FYR Foundation, 1623 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20009.

Connerly, Staflen win 2003 Szasz Awards

Equal-rights activist Ward Connerly and psychologist Anthony Stadlen have been selected as the 2003 winners of the Thomas S. Szasz Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Civil Liberties.

The award is given annually by the San Francisco-based Center for Independent Thought (CIT) to an individual or organization, American or foreign, that has "contributed in an outstanding way to the cause of liberty."

Winning in the general category was Connerly, an "outspoken advocate of equal rights and opponent of government racial profiling," said CIT spokesperson Andrea Rich.

"He was selected for his achievements in reshaping the national dialogue on race in America, and moving the nation toward the ideal of a colorblind society," she said.

Connerly gained national attention in 1995 when he led a successful fight for Proposition 209 (The California Civil Rights initiative), which banned government-mandated racial- and gender-discrimination in California public education and contracting.

Winning in the professional category was Stadlen, a psychotherapist in London, who was honored for his "outstanding writing and teaching in the way of Thomas Szasz," said Rich.

Stadlen, a member of the London Centre for Psychotherapy, practices psychotherapy on the basis of "human freedom and responsibility."

Past winners of the Thomas S. Szasz Award include U.S. House Member Ron Paul (R-TX), journalist Nat Hentoff, and author James Bovard. The award comes with a \$1,000 cash prize.

The award is named after libertarian psychologist Thomas Szasz, the author of *The Myth of Mental Illness*, *Fatal Freedom: The Ethics and Politics of Insanity*, and *The Therapeutic State*.

Illinois Libertarian challenges seatbelt law

An Illinois LP member who is challenging the state's seatbelt law has filed two motions charging that the law is unconstitutional. Ken Prazak, who refused to pay a \$25 fine for driving without a seatbelt, filed the motions in the McHenry County court room in Woodstock on November 22.

One motion alleges that seatbelt laws violate the individual rights clause of the Ninth Amendment, while the other argues that they violate the due-process clause of the Fifth Amendment.

"I believe it is my Constitutional and natural-law right for me to decide what is safe for me," Prazak told the *Northwest Herald*.

Prazak, 51, got a ticket for not wearing a seatbelt while driving his Ford truck in July. He said he doesn't use a seatbelt because it makes you "less safe."

Government officials said Prazak's motions are a long shot, since mandatory seatbelt laws have been upheld in court.

However, Prazak, a past Chair of the Fox Valley LP, said he will keep fighting. "I consider it a ridiculous law," he said.

Libertarians and anti-tax groups file tax-repeal petitions in Oregon

A coalition of Oregon anti-tax groups — including the state Libertarian Party — has filed enough signatures to qualify an initiative to repeal a massive tax hike passed by the state legislature earlier this year.

Anti-tax activists turned in 147,340 signatures at the secretary of state's office in Salem on November 25. State law requires 50,420 valid signatures to qualify an initiative for the ballot.

The secretary of state had until December 9 to determine if enough valid signatures were filed. However, state political experts said approval is all but guaranteed, given the large number of signatures submitted.

\$800 million

If approved by voters in a special February 3, 2004 election, the initiative, dubbed Measure 30, would repeal an \$800 million increase in permanent and temporary taxes passed by the Oregon House and Senate in August. Governor Ted Kulongoski had signed the tax hike into law on August 27.

The tax package included a three-year income tax surcharge, a new tax on healthcare providers, a reduction in business tax credits, and an increase in corporate taxes. It also reduced the discount state residents get for timely payment of property taxes.

Oregon LP State Chair Tom Cox said all indications are that voters will

"I've never seen anything like it and I've been doing initiative stuff for more than 10 years."
—Richard Burke

approve Measure 30.

"The voters are going to speak, and the big tax-increase interests had better listen," he told the *Portland Tribune*.

Oregon LP Executive Director Richard Burke said taxpayers were so angry over the "legislative arrogance" that led to the massive tax increase that they were eager to sign the petition to qualify Measure 30.

"I've never seen anything like it and I've been doing initiative stuff for more than 10 years," he told the *Bend Bulletin*. "They just flew on the page."

Part of the outrage stemmed from the fact that the legislature passed the \$800 million tax hike just seven months after voters voted down a similar tax hike, said Burke.

On January 28, in a statewide referendum, state residents rejected

Measure 28 — which would have raised taxes by \$725 million over three years — on a 55%-45% vote.

The Oregon LP had been a leader in the fight against Measure 28, and had organized a "Turn The Tide" lobbying campaign to defeat it. Libertarian spokespeople visited 27 cities and towns in 17 days to offer arguments against the tax hike.

Fiscal 'crisis'

Oregon politicians lobbied in favor of Measure 28 — just as they will lobby against Measure 30 — by arguing that the state faces a fiscal "crisis," said Burke.

If voters didn't approve higher taxes, politicians have threatened to sharply cut education funding, court and police services, and aid to the poor and elderly.

However, politicians are using "scare tactics to extort money," said Burke. "We don't think the cuts will happen the way [they've] been threatened."

Instead, Libertarians said the state government could balance the budget by going on a "fiscal diet" — and reforming the state workers' pension system, laying off 2,000 middle-level bureaucrats, and eliminating the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Other members of the coalition to qualify Measure 30 included the Constitution Party, the Oregon Republican Party, and the Taxpayers Association of Oregon.

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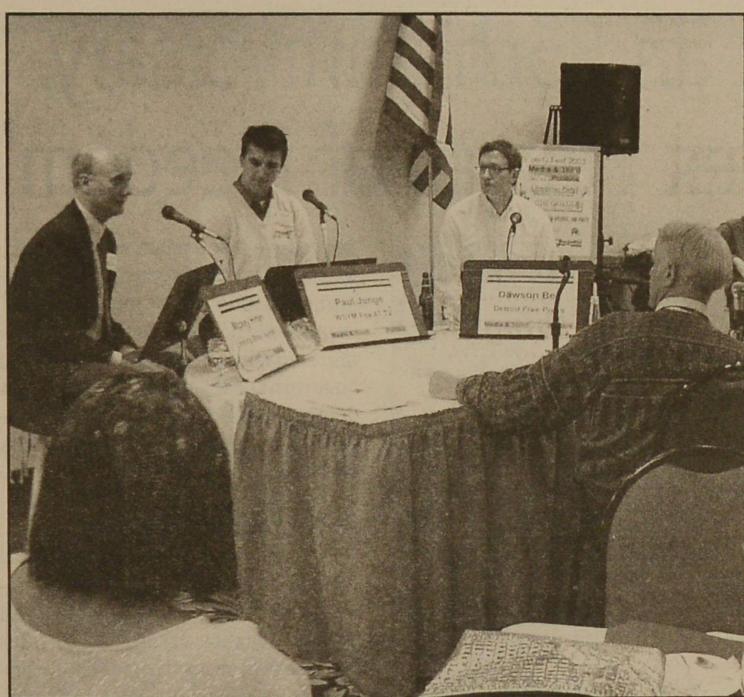
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Journalists share advice with Libertarians

■ Three journalists share their wisdom with Libertarians at the Michigan LP's Liberty Fest on November 20.

Shown here (l-r): Executive editor Mickey Hirten (*Lansing State Journal*), political reporter Dawson Bell (*Detroit Free Press*), and anchorman Paul Junge (*WSYM Fox 47 TV*). Moderator and *Inside Michigan Politics* commentator Bill Ballenger faces the three.

The panel discussed the theme of "Media & Third Party Politics," and the discussion was "informative, interesting, and entertaining," said Michigan LP activist William White — and chock full of blunt advice to Libertarians.

"When asked about how to get more coverage of third parties, the response of the panel was, 'Do something newsworthy,'" he said.

The Liberty Fest was hosted by the Capital Area Libertarian Party at the Okemos Hampton Inn, near Lansing. About 80 people attended the event.

Gary Nolan visits seven states

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■ The Junior State of America is an organization for high school students interested in politics, government, debate, the law, and education.

On November 24, Nolan met with striking grocery store workers in Grover Beach, California.

Nolan, who said he didn't have a position on the then-seven-week-old strike, said he met with the workers to better understand their concerns.

Nolan was asked by workers about health care, since a disagreement over healthcare benefits helped trigger the strike. He told them: "The more involved government gets in your companies and jobs, the more entangled your life becomes. The cost of health care is driven up by big government."

Strikers intrigued

Dasbach said the strikers were intrigued by that answer.

"They seemed interested in his comments about how government was driving up the cost of healthcare," he said.

On November 12, Nolan spoke to Libertarian student groups at the University of Rochester and at the State University College at Brockport in New York.

"This is outreach," Nolan told the *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*. "We need to educate voters that there's a viable third party."



■ Gary Nolan talks one-on-one to high school students at the Junior State of America conference in San Jose, California on November 23.

In other campaign news:

■ Nolan spoke to students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on November 19 and at the University of Missouri at Kansas City on November 5.

■ Nolan also made November campaign stops in Massachusetts, Maryland, Missouri, and New Hampshire.

■ Nolan qualified for the non-binding Libertarian presidential primaries in Wisconsin on February 17 and in Missouri on February 4.

■ Texas Libertarian Joey Dauben has formed Students 4 Gary Nolan to promote Nolan's campaign. Dauben

said the group has attracted interest from students in Texas, New York, Arizona, Wisconsin, and Washington, DC. For information, e-mail: joeydauben@hotmail.com.

Nolan, 49, was the host of the syndicated "Nolan at Night" radio show on the Radio America Network before quitting to run full-time for president.

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Exciting news for the new year

I hope you had a fantastic holiday season and one of your New Year's Resolutions is "Spend Memorial Day weekend at the LP National Convention in Atlanta!"

Things are getting pretty exciting, on many fronts. Controversy? It's a good thing. I've also been introduced to more libertarian musicians who want to perform for us. So besides all the great politics, we'll have a rockin' good time!

There's been a turnaround in the "Cass County" online straw poll for LP presidential candidates. Not that I'm supporting one candidate over another, but this means that the race for the 2004 LP presidential nomination will be the closest we've seen in a very long time.

Two great choices seesawing for the lead; that's exciting! You will want to be there, meet all the candidates and be part of the process.

Besides the prediction by David Nolan, there are signs pointing toward 2004 being a banner year for Libertarians. You read in the December issue of *LP News* of major news articles pointing out that third parties will be a major factor in the 2004 elections. But other third parties are faltering, and the average voter sees that it's difficult to tell the elephants from the donkeys.

There should be a full-page Convention insert in this issue with a schedule outline, prices, some speaker information, and a registration form. As I mentioned in my first column, these things "evolve" and that's what's happening. I'm not putting any particular speaker into any particular slot at this time, because we're acquiring bigger and better speakers all the time. We probably have enough speakers to fill the schedule, but I know we'll keep getting more, so we're holding off on setting things in stone.

The big-name speakers will either be at one of the meals (mostly from outside the LP) or will speak in the Main Convention Hall, where we will likely have TV coverage. The workshop speakers will be excellent, too, but covering topics more suited to a smaller audience.

Joe Seehusen is working on securing sponsorships for Convention events so that we can bring you even better things. Contact me or Joe (Joe.Seehusen@hq.LP.org) if you would like to help sponsor an event.

I'm looking for people who might be able to donate some frequent flyer miles to be used to fly in some guest speakers. Please contact me if you can help out this way.

Tennessee state chair Ray Ledford wants to put together an event to remember LP activists who have passed on. I think we've all experienced the loss of a fellow Libertarian. And whether we knew them or not, with so few of us, we all feel these losses. If you have a name to include in this remembrance, contact Ray (rledford@mindspring.com).

I'm open to other special events and networking suggestions, and will do what I can to help make them happen.

Be sure to check with your state and local LP on the procedures for becoming a delegate to the Convention if you want to participate in the business sessions, including making changes to the Platform and Bylaws, and the elections for party officer and LNC Reps, and the selection of our presidential candidate.

But as I mentioned before, you don't have to be a delegate to attend the Convention. As a non-delegate, you can attend all the meals and workshops, hear all the speakers, and do all the fun social things. You don't even have to be a party member to attend these events, so spread the word to your friends as a way for them to check out the LP.

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To celebrate its 35th anniversary, Reason names 'Heroes of Freedom'

Pop quiz: What do Milton Friedman, Madonna, Margaret Thatcher, John Ashcroft, F.A. Hayek, Dennis Rodman, and Robert Heinlein have in common?

They are all "Heroes of Freedom," according to the December issue of *Reason* magazine.

In its 35th anniversary issue, the magazine of "free minds and free markets" honored 35 individuals who helped move the world in a more libertarian direction over the past three decades, according to *Reason* Editor-in-Chief Nick Gillespie.

"Intentionally or not, they have made the world a freer, better place through their work in politics, culture, technology, business, and sports," he said.

"For all of its many problems, the world we live in is dizzying in its variety, breathtaking in its riches, and wide-ranging in its options. Our list pays tribute to the 35 people who helped make this possible during the past 35 years."

Unprecedented coalition

OK, but John Ashcroft? The U.S. attorney general, who is a "little bit J. Edgar Hoover and a little bit Janet Reno," managed to "create an unprecedented coalition of conservatives, liberals, and libertarians around a single noble cause: the protection of civil liberties," according to *Reason*.

In other words, he's on the list because he's so bad that he inspired



"repressive mainstream sensibilities;" the "socialist idiot savant" Ted Turner launched CNN and "reshaped and improved" the news media; and *Hustler* magazine publisher Larry Flynt "brought tastelessness to new depths" but also helped "strengthen First Amendment protections for free expression along the way."

Digital revolution

In the business world, Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos "revolutionized commerce;" *Whole Earth Catalog* creator Stewart Brand helped give "birth to the most individualist wing of the hippie counterculture;" and *Wired* magazine publisher Louis Rossetto helped "conceptualize and realize" the digital revolution.

Also on the list: Libertarian pioneer Barry Goldwater, C-SPAN host Brian Lamb, author Rose Wilder Lane, anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela, singer and marijuana aficionado Willie Nelson, *Atlas Shrugged* author Ayn Rand, U.S. House member Ron Paul, former U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) inventor Phil Zimmerman.

And what about the "seriously pierced, tattoo-laden" former NBA star Dennis Rodman (nickname: The Worm)? His "flamboyant" antics helped challenge the "lantern-jawed stiffness that had traditionally made sports stars such dull role models," explained *Reason*.

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Dear Libertarians,

Currently, the LP presidential ticket is qualified for the ballot in 27 states, more than any other minor party.

While many state parties have achieved ballot status strictly through their own resources, the Libertarian National Committee has identified 11 remaining states that will likely need at least some help from the LNC. Of those, three need immediate petitioning help.

Additionally, two state parties, Ohio and Maryland, may need financial help to fight in court arbitrary and capricious decisions by state government bureaucrats who appear intent on keeping us off the ballot. So, here is our immediate action plan:

(1) South Dakota — We are doing a party petition (8,364 valid signatures) in SD. This will allow us to run candidates other than the presidential ticket. It will qualify us for the ballot in 2004 and 2006.

And, if we succeed in making the ballot, it will give impetus to a state bill that would change the requirement for ballot access retention from 2.5% of the last vote for Governor to 2.5% of the last vote for any statewide office, which the LP has done in the past.

The SDLP is too small to complete the petition itself. With an April 1 petition deadline, we're sending paid petitioners to South Dakota ASAP.

(2) Oklahoma — The Oklahoma Constitution says that elections in that state "shall be free and equal." (I'm not kidding.) Oklahoma ballot laws have been a curse for the LP for over 30 years.

Example: for any office other than President, if you are an Independent, a \$500 filing fee will get you on the ballot —

but not if you are a registered Libertarian. Then, you are barred from the ballot, except if the LP has gathered 51,781 valid signatures to qualify as a political party.

If we do not qualify as a political party again in 2004, the state will delete the Libertarian Party designation of all such voters in Oklahoma, so we won't then have the standing to sue to permanently change the unconstitutional ballot laws in Oklahoma.

Also, *Ballot Access News* publisher Richard Winger thinks the chance of winning this lawsuit, with the LP being placed on the OK ballot by the court, is very good — provided that we make a good faith petitioning effort of about 20,000 signatures.

We currently have 3,500 volunteer signatures (and will get more), so that means about 15,000 paid signatures have to be gathered in Oklahoma ASAP.

(3) West Virginia — This has historically been a really difficult ballot access state because of its "primary screen out." In the past, voters were committing a "crime" if they signed another party's petition and voted in the West Virginia Primary (very important because of the dominance of the Democratic Party there).

This really made it tough to get a Governor candidate on the ballot because the petition deadline for Governor was Primary Day (the second Tuesday in May),

while the Presidential petition wasn't due until August 1.

That meant that to sign a petition for our Gubernatorial candidate, people had to give up their possible future vote in the West Virginia Primary. It was much easier getting people who had not voted in the Primary to sign a petition after the Primary, because they weren't giving up anything to sign at that point.

But, getting a Governor candidate on the ballot is very important, because the only way to retain ballot access in WV is to earn at least 1% of the vote for Governor.

Our 1996 Governor candidate, Wallace Johnson, did that. But, in a five-way race in 2000, we earned 0.86% of the vote for Governor, coming up just short. In 2004, it will almost certainly be a four-way race for Governor, and it is very likely we will earn more than 1% again — if we get Simon McClure on the ballot.

The WV legislature repealed the "primary screen out" law, but not the requirement that petitioners warn petition signers about the law. Yup. You read that right. We are asking a federal judge to issue an injunction to end the verbal warning requirement, which would make it much easier to petition in WV. We're likely to win the injunction, but, win or lose, we need to get a paid petitioning effort into West Virginia ASAP.

In Ohio, the Secretary of State's office — without validating a single signature of the 55,000 turned in — just ruled that the Ohio LP's petition was invalid because of minor cosmetic changes to the prescribed petition form we made to make the petition more user friendly.

We're going to sue not just to get the Ohio LP and dozens of candidates on the ballot in 2004. We're going to sue to completely undo the unconstitutional ballot access laws of Ohio — the worst such laws of any major state.

The Maryland LP just had thousands of signatures disqualified because some voters neglected to include the year when writing the date — even though it can be proved that all signatures were gathered in 2003. We may have to sue to get this injustice rectified.

Are you as mad as hell yet? Or even madder? I am. We're not going to take this lying down or otherwise.

We're ready to fight back — in these states and more states soon — but we can only do so with your generous financial support.

Please send a check ASAP to the Libertarian Party Ballot Access Fund, 2600 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037, or contribute via the LP's website at www.LP.org. Thank you very much.

With your help NOW, every American will have a Libertarian candidate (or several) on their ballot in 2004.



Bill Redpath
LNC Treasurer
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Why aren't there more Libertarian women?

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relating the story to friends and family (and boy, did I have that airplane practically turning somersaults in the air), I have been amused at the different reactions of men and women to the "death grip" aspect of my story.

The idea that a young stranger would actually clench her hand around my arm was, for the most part, completely normal to the women I told and completely astounding to the men.

I thought about this as I was reading various Blog posts about the lack of female libertarians. It did cause me to really start thinking about why there appears to be so few female libertarians.

No statistical data

I say "appears to be," because even after a lengthy search on the Web I wasn't able to find any sort of statistical data to support this observation. As a "numbers" person, this was disappointing. Nothing like analyzing some data to really get the blood pumping. But alas, I haven't found the numbers I need, so I'll instead deal with abstract information.

I personally know no other female libertarians, and when I discuss the topic with other women, they're generally apathetic on the topic of politics in general, and libertarianism in particular.

Yes, I'll admit, who really knows — perhaps there are a large number of women remaining behind the scenes, reading, learning, and waiting for the right opportunity to speak up. But somehow, I doubt it. And why is that?

To answer that question, we first



■ Sure, there are libertarian women, including (l-r) Sharon Harris (president, Advocates for Self-Government), Dixie Carter (actress), Ayn Rand (author, *Atlas Shrugged*), Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*), Camilla Paglia (author and critic), and Melanie (musician). However, wonders Allison Brown, why aren't there more of them? Why do men make up a vast percentage of self-identified libertarians?

must acknowledge that men and women are very different creatures. Women's behavior is overwhelmingly governed by feelings, and women want to share feelings and emotions. The behavior of men is governed by logic. Men want to share activities.

Women read people, men read situations. Women prefer to attach themselves to the problems they want to solve. Men operate best while maintaining a certain level of detachment, and analyze problems based on rules, on thoughts as opposed to feelings.

The English writer J.B. Priestly summarized this nicely: "[Women] remain more personal in their interests and less concerned with abstractions than men on the same level of intelligence and culture.... It is the habit of men to be overconfident in their impartiality, to believe that they are god-like intellects, detached from

desires and hopes and fears and disturbing memories, generalizing and delivering judgment in a serene mid-air."

In truth, women are natural socialists. We want everyone to share and everyone to get along. We are nurturers, and we expect the "haves" to take care of the "have-nots," the strong to take care of the weak, and the brave to protect the others (hence, the "death grip").

We want everyone to like us and we want everyone to like each other. Men, to put it simply, are more independent in thought and action.

Physiological explanation

There is a lot of debate about how, or why, these differences exist, but very little debate on the fact that they do. There is actually a physiological explanation for at least part of the difference. Women have four

times as many brain cells as men connecting the right and left side of their brains. This means they are much more capable of using both sides of the brain to analyze and solve a problem — using both emotion and logic.

Men, on the other hand, rely almost exclusively on their left brain (the logic side) to solve problems. Because emotion is removed from the process, in general they are better able to objectively deal with an issue and propose a solution.

Men and women are different, and different is just different — it does not imply superiority. What's funny, or interesting, or fascinating, about these differences is that while we're all pretty much aware they exist, most people insist upon trying to force the opposite sex to become more like their own.

Men will read this, and say "you're right — women are emotional, inca-

pable of logic, relying on feelings" (oh, the horror).

The few women who do read this will think "men, so incapable of expressing their feelings, always staying detached. How can they live like that?"

And then, ironically, women suddenly become more "man-like" in their active pursuit of trying to change their mate, and men take the more passive approach in attempting the same thing. Women work hard to encourage the men to communicate more, to express their feelings, to show more emotion (and we don't mean by yelling at the television screen).

Men suddenly master the passive-aggressive approach to changing women — that is, to ignore the pleas for more communication until the woman learns to stop making such illogical requests.

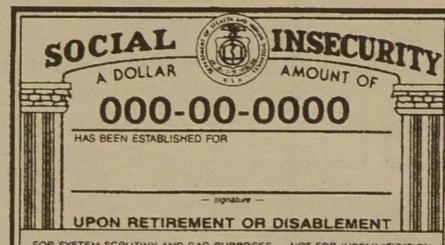
Deal with them

What is most important about these differences is understanding that they exist, and then figuring out ways to deal with them. They are, without a doubt, crucial when it comes to understanding why there are apparently so few female libertarians.

Becoming a libertarian requires women to put aside so much of what we were taught, how we were raised, what our basic instincts are. The vast majority of women call themselves Democrats, because as any libertarian will tell you, the Democratic Party is the Nanny Party. Welfare takes care of the poor, Social Security takes care of the elderly, and millions of laws and regulations take care of the ter-

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Men, women, and libertarianism

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minally stupid.

Big government does the job of protecting the people who need protection, and Democrats have historically taken care of big government.

So no matter what a libertarian says about the free market, about man taking care of himself, about what big government has done to our liberties, it is very difficult for most women to look past the need for a Nanny.

The fact that the feds have completely ignored our Constitution does not outweigh the belief of many women that without Uncle Sam, there will be no one looking out for the poor, the elderly, and the stupid (however wrong this assumption may be).

Ryan Maken brings up an issue in his Blog comment about slammimg doors on children.

When a child comes to the door, selling wrapping paper, candy, pizzas, or cookie dough, women don't see a representative of the school system panhandling for even more of our money to support an institution that should be abolished. We see a little kid, most often summoning up quite a bit of courage to go knock on strangers' doors, and doing what some person in authority told him to do. Generally he's polite, asks nicely, and in fact doesn't hold a gun to our heads. And we buy.



■ Allison Brown:
"Men and women
are different."

past the trees and decide what is best for the forest as a whole.

Now, before I get too many of those negative e-mails that I so dislike (I know it comes with the territory, but, ahem, they hurt my feelings), let me acknowledge that these generalizations of course don't apply to all women (and especially to most women reading this), nor to all men.

For instance, there are many men who are able to openly express their emotions, and there are many women who are as capable of logical thinking as any man. But, for the most part, these observations are supported by years of research on the topic, and are necessary to consider when thinking about the dearth of female libertarians.

Not impossible

And this doesn't mean that it is impossible for women to be libertarians. In many ways, I do consider myself to be a "typical" woman — with the same sorts of behaviors I've identified above (although, to be honest, to a much lesser extent). But I have realized the importance of fighting for what I believe to be right, and this outweighs any concerns I may have.

But if my observations are correct, and the reasons that there are so few female libertarians are reasons that may be hard to overcome, the next step is to decide how much of a problem this is. The most obvious problem is that women are humans first, and the libertarian movement could always use more humans.

It will require a strong grassroots movement for change to occur, and while the numbers of libertarians are growing we all would like to continually bring more people into the fold.

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So it's a numbers problem, and in this case the gender is not the issue.

But on a more personal note, I happen to agree with Doug French, who asks: "Can a free market, pro-liberty guy have a successful long-term relationship with a big government, anti-capitalism girl? There is no question they can fall in love. But, can a person who is passionate about liberty make it work day-to-day with a person who believes that more and more government is the answer?

"Not likely. In real life, what starts out as intelligent conversations will eventually turn into constant arguments and then name-calling. Who needs the aggravation?"

Libertarians, at least those whom I know, are extremely passionate about the cause. I find it difficult to believe that those passions can be hidden or avoided for long in our personal relationships, and that the best hope for long-term compatibility is a general agreement on our most important values and beliefs (and selfishly, as a single female, the more men who agree with this the better it is for me).

I'm not going to pass judgment

on men who prefer to have their women "not worry their pretty little heads" about topics such as the past, present, and future of liberty in America. If that's their preference, so be it.

But it is also true that when a couple shares a passion, the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. A couple devoted to libertarianism will undoubtedly do much more together than if only one half of that couple found it a cause worth pursuing.

It is also true that men in relationships live longer, happier lives. They may not act pleased about our attempts to open the lines of communication, to get them to show more emotion, but somehow it all works.

Increase the ranks

So if we then put A and B together, and libertarian men in relationships with libertarian women are the ideal, it does seem important that we increase the ranks of the female libertarians. This will not only help the cause directly, but it should help all of the male libertarians live longer.

That way, we can all devote more energy and time to the cause. And perhaps create a lot more little libertarians in the process.

In summary, we've identified a situation — that there appears to be too few female libertarians. This situation appears to be a problem. If there's a problem, we need to try and solve it. And men solve problems — right? So fire up your left brain and get busy.

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BREAKING NEWS

Supreme Court upholds BCRA

Just before LP News went to press, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld most of the provisions in the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA).

In a narrow 5-4 vote announced on December 10, the high court:

■ Upheld a ban on unlimited "soft money" contributions to political parties.

■ Upheld a ban on soft-money funded "issues ads" broadcast by interest groups on radio or television within 60 days of a general election.

■ Struck down a ban on political contributions from minors.

In its ruling, the court said that rooting out "corruption" or the appearance of corruption justifies government limitations on free speech and on political donations.

The decision was a setback for the Libertarian Party, which was a co-plaintiff in a lawsuit to overturn the BCRA.

The LP had charged that the law would hurt smaller parties while protecting incumbents, and said it violated the First Amendment's free-speech protections.

LP Chair Geoffrey Neale denounced the ruling as an "all-out assault on the right of every American to engage in the political process."

"Running for office and communicating a message aren't free," he said. "So making it illegal to raise money to buy political ads, and banning the ads during the period when they're most effective, is tantamount to outlawing the message itself. That's a crime against the First Amendment as well as an affront to the democratic process."

John Samples, director of the Cato Institute's Center for Representative Government, said the ruling gave Congress unprecedented power to regulate political speech.

"A slim majority of the Court has now expanded the power of Congress to regulate and to harass individuals and groups who criticize incumbents," he said. "[This] is a sad day for freedom of speech and political activity."

Past Massachusetts LP gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell, who was also a co-plaintiff in the case, said the ruling "authorizes the federal government to censor and silence speech and writing by political groups."

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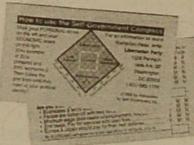
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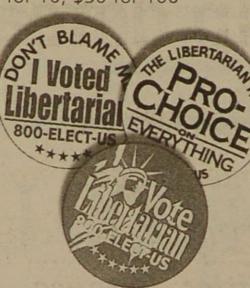
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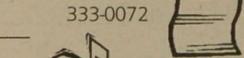
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Libertarian Party: Pro-Choice on Everything

Former sheriff Richard Mack launches campaign for Utah governor in 2004

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"I've been very outspoken about the problems in this state and nation," he told the *Salt Lake Tribune*. "I figured I'd be a hypocrite if I didn't run and try to solve some of them."

In his campaign, Mack said he will run as a "states' rights" candidate.

"The governor can do a lot more to stand against federal intervention and usurpation," he said.

In addition, his campaign will focus on "limited government, the protection of individual rights, [and] honesty in government," he said.

When he takes the oath of office to "support, obey, and defend" the Constitution of the United States and the Utah state constitution, said Mack, "I will keep that oath."

Legalization debate

Mack made his first campaign appearance on November 20 at a marijuana legalization debate at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Mack told the student audience, "I think the recreational use of marijuana, drinking and smoking are stupid. But the stupidest thing in the world is we support a government that is in charge of keeping us from being stupid."

The government should also not prevent AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and glaucoma patients from getting legal access to medical marijuana, he said.

Mack said he did not expect any



■ Richard Mack, shown here during his days as a sheriff in Graham County, Arizona.

other Libertarians to run for the LP's nomination against him.

"I will be on the ballot as the Libertarian Party's governor candidate next year," he said.

Mack also said he hopes to be endorsed for governor by the Independent American Party and the Constitution Party — and said he is running to win.

On Election Day, he predicted, "I'll pull off a surprise, just like Jesse Ventura."

Mack has run for office in Utah before: In 1998, he lost in the Republican primary for Utah County Sheriff, and in 1999 he lost in the

primary for the non-partisan Provo City Council.

Mack is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the FBI National Academy.

During his 20-year career in law enforcement in Utah and Arizona, he served as a patrol officer, hostage negotiator, youth officer, detective, sheriff, and jail administrator.

He was elected as a Democrat to the post of sheriff of Graham County, Arizona in 1988, and re-elected in 1992.

He was selected "Elected Official of the Year" in 1994 by the New Mexico/Arizona Coalition of Counties, and was chosen as "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" in 1995 by the NRA.

He has also won the "Defender of the Second Amendment Award" from Gun Owners of America.

Mack is the co-author of *From My Cold, Dead Fingers and Government, God, and Freedom*, and has been a speaker on the national gun-rights circuit for the last decade.

Mack joined the Libertarian Party in 2003 because he realized that most of his political "views have always been quite libertarian," he said.

He currently lives in Provo, Utah with his wife and family.

For information or to make a contribution, write: Richard Mack for Governor, P.O. Box 57308, Salt Lake City, UT 84157-0308. Or visit: www.mackforgovernor.com.

Libertarians help defeat Measure Q

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payers Against A Sales Tax Increase, the group that led the fight against Measure Q.

The Natividad Medical Center, which is located in Salinas, is operated by the county government. According to *The Californian*, the medical center "has been struggling to meet budget for the past year."

Hospital administrators said they needed the additional tax money to pay off long-term construction debt, buy new equipment, and build up financial reserves.

During the days leading up to the vote, pro-tax supporters ran television ads that showed a patient dying in an ambulance because the hospital had closed.

However, after Measure Q went down to defeat, politicians changed their tune, and said the hospital would not close after all.

A big lie

Samuels said the abrupt turnaround showed that the threat to close the hospital was just "a big lie."

"This should show every citizen that nobody should trust the word of politicians and pro-tax advocates," he said.

The defeat of Measure Q also gives

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the county government an opportunity to try innovative new strategies to reduce costs at the hospital, said Samuels.

"It is now time to fix the financial bleeding at Natividad, and arrange with various medical companies to start outsourcing most services, or completely privatize the hospital," he said. "To wait will only [create] more debt and encourage more mismanagement."

Before the election, the Coalition of Taxpayers Against A Sales Tax Increase posted "No on Q" signs around the county, conducted media interviews, and distributed anti-tax pamphlets.

Samuels also participated in a debate sponsored by the League of

Women Voters at the National Steinbeck Center on November 11.

In arguing against Measure Q, Samuels told county residents that it would "only milk more money from an already over-taxed and under-appreciated taxpayer."

Samuels said the tax increase would reward the bad management and broken promises that led to the fiscal crisis.

Poor administrators

"Generally, government should not be operating medical facilities, because politicians make poor administrators — as we have seen in Monterey County," he said. "That is why nearly all California counties do not have county-run hospitals."

However, anti-tax activists faced well-funded opposition: A pro-Measure Q committee raised and spent almost \$500,000, including \$116,000 from the Service Employees International Union. The union represents government employees, including many who work at the Natividad Medical Center.

Groups that opposed Measure Q included the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Monterey County Farm Bureau, and the Monterey County Hospitality Association.

POLITICS 2004

Opus is back, and how the Greens beat us

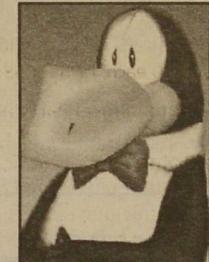
■ In Georgia, George Anderson has announced he will seek the LP's nomination for U.S. Senate. In California, four candidates will run for U.S. House in Orange County: Andrew Niekrasz (District 40), Keith Gann (District 46), Anthony Watson (District 47), and Bruce Cohen (District 48). Also in California, Daniel Sherman is expected to run for State Assembly (51st District), Ethan Bovie is the likely LP candidate for State Assembly (53rd District), and Charles Tate will run for State Assembly (35th District). In New Jersey, two Libertarians have expressed interest in running for the U.S. House in 2004: Frank Orland (District 3) and Vic Kaplan (District 5). In California, Richard Rider said he will run for mayor of San Diego.

■ **Media news:** LP Communications Director George Getz was quoted on FoxNews.com (November 21) in a story about how the FBI used provisions of the USA/Patriot Act to investigate a strip club owner on fraud charges. "It would seem to me the fact that the FBI is wasting any time at all prosecuting strip club owners is good news for terrorists," said Getz. In Indiana, Phil Miller, who was defeated in his re-election bid for Greenfield city council, got a nice going-away present from the *Greenfield Daily Reporter*. In a November 7 editorial, the newspaper wrote: "Greenfield will grow to miss Phil Miller. When the tough questions needed to be answered, Miller was usually the one who had to ask them."

■ In Virginia, the Henrico LP adopted a two-mile stretch of Skipwith Road through the "Keep Henrico Beautiful" Program. "This is a great practical application of Libertarian values," said LP activist Leonard Harris. In California, Scott Lieberman was reappointed to the San Jose Advisory Commission on Rents. In Tennessee, Libertarians are beating Republicans and Democrats ... in the number of visitors to their websites, that is. According to the Alexa Internet ratings, the Tennessee LP's website, www.lptn.net, ranks ahead of the websites of the state's Rs and Ds, noted LP State Chair Ray Ledford.

■ **Entertainment news:** A special two-DVD collector's edition of the classic libertarian movie, *Escape From New York*, has been released. The 1981 science-fiction film, starring Kurt Russell, showcases director John Carpenter's "kookily libertarian futurevision," says DVDtalk.com. The collector's edition features deleted scenes, commentary by Russell and Carpenter, original trailers, and more. *Berkeley Breathed* is back in the cartoon business.

Breathed, the creator of the popular 1980s quasi-libertarian comic strip *Bloom County*, debuted his new Sunday comic, *Opus*, on November 23. In an interview in *The Onion* (August 15, 2001), Breathed said he has the "heart of an old-fashioned Libertarian."



■ Opus is back in new comic strip.

■ **Presidential news:** Clyde Cleveland, the LP's candidate for governor of Iowa in 2002, is reportedly deciding whether he will seek the LP's 2004 nomination for president. Cleveland, a venture capitalist and the author of *Restoring the Heart of America*, won 1.3% of the vote in his run for governor. Louisiana LP member Jeffrey Diket, who is seeking the LP's presidential nomination, has a campaign website: geocities.com/JeffDiket/.

■ In Virginia, David Hultstrom was unanimously elected Chair of the Third Congressional District LP. In Tennessee, Trevor Southerland was elected Chair of the University of Chattanooga Campus Libertarians. The Advocates for Self-Government has added three new members to its Board of Directors: Dr. Ken Bisson (LP Vice Chair), Daniel Fylstra (president, Frontline Systems, Inc.), and Dr. James Lark (past LP National Chair).

■ **Politics:** According to the December 1 issue of *Ballot Access News*, the LP got soundly beaten by the Green Party in the November elections. The Greens won 41 races in nine states, while Libertarians won only 25 in seven states. Is the Green Party going to dethrone the LP as America's most successful grassroots third party?

■ **Miscellaneous:** A nice comment from Florida U.S. Senator Bob Graham. According to a September 3 story on MSNBC.com, Graham met a man named Charlie in Purcell, Oklahoma. After making some Libertarian points to the Senator, Charlie apparently felt compelled to note, "I'm not a Libertarian, I'm a Republican." Graham responded, "Be a Libertarian; it's got more class." In Irvine, California, the Anthem Foundation for Objectivist Scholarship has awarded a \$435,000 grant to the University of Pittsburgh and a \$300,000 grant to the University of Texas at Austin. Both grants will support studies of Ayn Rand's philosophy of Objectivism.

THE FORUM

A Libertarian non-smoker examines smokers' rights

Over the past few issues there have been quite a few letters to the LP News concerning smoking. However, I noticed that none of them actually hit the relevant points.

Being that there are anti-smoking laws being passed all across America, I thought it time that I clear the air from a nonsmoking Libertarian perspective. Just to clarify, when I say "non-smoker," I mean that I have never smoked cigarettes, and hate cigarette smoke.

Firstly, regardless of what several smokers have written, smoking is not safe for your health. The list of carcinogens contained in tobacco smoke is mind boggling. A little common sense in this area will lead one to that simple conclusion. One good rule of thumb is; If you wouldn't swallow it, you shouldn't breathe it.

However, we all do things that would be considered not good for our health, so I'll not judge.

Next, despite what many of my nonsmoking brethren have written lately, restaurants and bars are not

public places. By definition, a "public place" is one paid for from "public funds" (that is, taken from the taxpayers).

This list includes — but in our ever-growing nanny state is not limited to — courthouses, jails, libraries, city, county or state run hospitals, recreation centers, municipal buildings, airports, bus terminals, government-owned train stations, etc. The simple rule of thumb is, if it doesn't receive public funds, it is private.

The limitations?

So, where do smokers' rights come into play, and what are the limitations in a truly libertarian society?

One recent writer submitted that my rights end where my fist touches his nose (meaning that a smoker's rights ends where his smoke touches my nose). To this I say yes and no.

The recent rash of smoking bans

concerning private businesses (restaurants and bars) have nothing whatever to do with smokers' rights, and everything to do with property rights. If a restaurant owner wishes to allow smokers in his restaurant, it should be his right to do so. Just as it is the right of we nonsmokers to boycott said restaurant.

With the growing number of nonsmokers, the wise restaurant owner will think about that policy carefully, but it should be his decision alone. Thus, from any reasonable measure, the recent anti-smoking laws are non-libertarian, un-American, and wrong. Just as forcing me to allow smokers in my place of business would be equally wrong.

Concerning restaurant employees, they are under no legal obligation to work in such an atmosphere. If they fear that working in such an atmo-



sphere is harmful to them, it would be wise for them to seek employment elsewhere — just as the coal miner fearing for his health should either change careers, or go to work at a mine with better ventilation, and/or lung safety gear. This is one of the reasons that I no longer work in a restaurant.

Recently I was asked, "What about the arguments concerning outdoor smoking?" That one is (or should be) simple. No one can deny that an automobile produces more pollution than a cigarette. If you doubt this, start your car in your closed garage

with you in it, and wait for the coroner.

Thus, until my fellow nonsmokers who make this argument stop driving their cars, smokers deserve the same right to exhale as do the cars of my fellow nonsmokers.

So, the only two smokers rights

for true libertarians to discuss are first the fact that smokers are the most heavily taxed portion of our population, and second, what policies should be in place concerning smoking in our public places.

Oppressive taxation

Concerning the first, I can only hope that we libertarians agree that this should come to an end. Just because something is not good for someone, that does not justify oppressive taxation. And remember, if all hospitals and other medical services were privately operated, the

"they tax us to provide healthcare for sick smokers" argument will not hold water. Funny how liberty has a way of solving most of our problems, isn't it?

This leaves us with the debate over smoking in public places. But here is where the majesty of being a Libertarian comes in. We already have the solution in our Platform; that is, to limit government to its core and legitimate functions.

If we do this, there will be very few public places (court houses, jails, capitol buildings, etc.). The remainder of buildings would be privately held, and the owners would make the decisions about smoking.

If we can agree that there are certain legitimate public places, we finally have a real issue which needs to be the focus of the smokers' rights discussion. Smokers and nonsmokers alike are forced to pay for these buildings. On the surface, the current policy of no smoking in public buildings makes sense to me, but I'm a non-smoker and thus biased. So, being fair, I'm open to discussion from the "I pay as much for these buildings as you do" smoking crowd.

It is my hope in writing this article that Libertarians can close ranks and discuss the *only* smokers' rights issue which is legitimately open to argument — smoking in true public places — and unify to fight against the recently passed (and yet to be passed) anti-property rights laws being labeled as anti-smoking laws.

About the author: Joe Johnson is the former chairman of the Libertarian Party of Boulder County and was the 2000 Ptak Award winner as Colorado Libertarian of the year.

A Libertarian Army wife looks at the war in Iraq

I am an Army wife, otherwise known as "Household-6," around here. That's my military occupational specialty (MOS).

This MOS gets no special training and all experience is learned as you go. I am an "Army of One." I handle personnel (three children), transportation, finance issues (bills), housing issues (DITY projects), and Morale, Recreation, and Welfare issues (supporting my husband, Sgt. Hickson). I get no time off. Leave is unheard of.

Soon, my job will get a lot harder. My job as "Household-6" is only one of the many jobs I hold. As well as being the media director for the LP Colorado, I have my own small business, I homeschool my children, and teach once a week at our local homeschool cooperative. This is the short list.

Leaving for Iraq

A few weeks ago, we found out that my husband will be leaving soon for Iraq. As I write this, he is leaving for one last inspection of his military gear. His unit is expected to deploy in less than 48 hours.

We are both torn. Although there are some options to keep him home, none of them is really desirable considering our own personal situation,



the only option for him, for now, is to go with his unit to Iraq.

It's a sad state of affairs. It's bad enough that he doesn't want to go and leave behind his family, especially his young children. It's even worse that he is going someplace that we both agree

By Desiree Hickson

that the U.S. has no business being.

The hard part has yet to begin. The hard part starts when I take him to his last for-

mation with his unit before they depart for their flight. The hard part will begin when I have to kiss him goodbye for the next seven months (or so). The hardest part for him will be saying goodbye to our babies.

The hardest for me will be that sick feeling that I will get; that fear that he will return a bitter, angry man or the fear that he may not come back in the same physical condition that he is leaving with or worse, that I may never see him again.

Yet, as an "Army of One," I am

required to go about my daily business as if life was normal. I will perform my daily duties as diligently as any soldier.

As a Libertarian, I am in a more precarious position. I am supposed to put on the guise of supporting the troops which, to many, appears as if I am, likewise, supporting our president, George W. Bush. For my soldier, that couldn't be further from the truth.

But, I have to support my husband, despite my (rather, our) poli-

tics. I have to pretend to other Army wives that I am fine or even happy with my husband "serving his country." In reality, I am angry that his Commander-in-Chief has put him in harm's way, instead, to serve another country; another purpose.

No credible threat

No weapons of mass destruction (WMD). No connections between Saddam and al-Qaeda (September 11). No provable, credible threat of attack from Iraq. All of it a lie. A grand scheme to commit American soldiers and American taxpayer money to a cause that is something other than we were told more than six months ago.

My soldier's departure is all the more laughable (and not in a "funny ha-ha" sort of way), since the president essentially declared the war was over. Then why are we still fighting? Why are we still committing thousands of troops, my friends and my husband, among them?

The lie is much more poignant when I drive by the church down the street. The chapel where soldier memorials are held (nearly one a week, as of late). The church that I hope that I never have to set one foot in.

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THE VOLUNTEER

The view from a city council: Life as an elected Libertarian

Editor's note: On November 6, 2001, Mark Owen won a four-year term to the Owosso City Council in Michigan. This is his report on what it's like to be a Libertarian Party city councilman, written after he had served more than a year on office.

Being a city councilman can be a very frustrating experience for anyone, let alone a libertarian.

You begin as one out of seven — and a rookie at that. The entire paradigm in which you operate is foreign to your experience, trying to make sense out of a menu of statist choices that operate under the assumption that government is the answer.

Every now and then though, a clear-cut choice is proposed. One that reminds you of the importance of having someone with a free-market, property rights perspective. It is at moments like these where I felt I was able to make society maybe just a little freer, to represent the interest of the people, and not the city.

Publicly embarrassed

I began my term under less-than-ideal circumstances. For starters, five out of six council members were angry with me because I had led the campaign that decisively abolished a recently created historic district. They had been publicly embarrassed.

To add insult upon this, the week before the election a city resident had attended the meeting and focused on some high points in the LP platform.

An Army wife looks at Iraq

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side of on account of any of the soldiers in my husband's unit, but especially on his behalf.

In the meantime, I will carry on, with the children, in a world that appears, otherwise, normal. As this is our third deployment, this is, essentially, old hat. We will get by and survive this separation, as well.

And, as is usual when my Sgt. is away, I'll not only perform my duties as "Household-6, Army of One," I'll continue the fight for liberty, in the service of my country (and the state of Colorado) as a proud member of the Libertarian Party.

About the author: Desiree Hickson is the media director for the Colorado Libertarian Party. This essay was originally posted to www.lpcolorado.org.

It was obvious that most of the other council members were apprehensive to see me sitting there with them at meetings.

One thing I did not want to do on the council was to make myself irrelevant. I could find a principled reason to oppose nearly everything, and I would become a joke. Instead, I try to carefully decide on which hill I will make a stand.

I began by trying to learn the duties of my new position on the council. Wanting to make my position relevant, I tried to focus on only one or two issues at a time. Otherwise, I would become ineffective.

More than any other council member, I ask questions. I have been told a number of times that "people were concerned about what you might do when you got into office, but you are the only one who asks questions."

People are beginning to realize that libertarians are not a bunch of kooks who want a society that will put a crack house next door and have prostitutes walking on the sidewalk in front of your house.

As a guardian of the public purse and private property, I have become a populist of sort. I actually look out for the public interest and many appreciate it.

I know that although government claims to be serving the people, usually government serves its own interests. So, I try to look out for the interests and property rights of the people who elected me — while maintaining my libertarian principles.

Several strange things have come up during my term on the council. One time I got a frantic call from a city resident about a new ordinance that was going to be proposed. Given the new concern for "light pollution," there was a planning committee proposal to limit outside lighting to 60 watts. I called the city manager and he assured me that this proposal would not see the light of day.

Another was when it was revealed

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By Mark Owen

the city police chief had an imaginary Vietnam record. He was a nice guy, but it was time for him to retire and this proved to be a good time to do so. We are still searching for a new police chief.

There is also the issue regarding the relationship between the city and surrounding townships. It reminds me of the Hatfields and the McCoys; local officials fighting over their fiefdoms.

Active defenders

I believe local politics is the future of the Libertarian Party. It moves the LP from a debating society to active defenders of liberty. There are many methods to becoming involved in local politics, but the important thing is to get involved.

Sure, you won't be able to engage in grandiose discussions about the income tax and the welfare state, but you can do battle for core libertarian principles such as property rights and less intrusive, less expensive local government.

Local government is the arena of government where the efforts of libertarians will reap the most benefits.

Reprinted from the May/June 2003 issue of the Michigan Libertarian.

Take the Quiz: Are you a 'salable' LP candidate?

In early August, I gave a speech to the Patrick Henry Supper Club in Virginia entitled, "All Politics is Personal."

I focused on the individual aspects of candidates and how these aspects impacted their electability. I thought I would share with everybody the "Personal Salability Checklist" I created for that speech.

This is not a scientific test; think of it as a sort of *Cosmopolitan* quiz. However, its point is serious, and I hope it might provide some food for thought for potential Libertarian Party candidates out there.

By Kevin Rollins

Salability Checklist for LP Candidates

1. Physical Appearance.

Do I look like a professional? _____ (2 points)
Am I physically in good shape? _____ (2 points)

2. Moral Ideals and Lifestyle.

Are my personal religious beliefs similar/acceptable to a sizable percentage of the community? _____ (2 points)

Is my lifestyle similar/acceptable to a sizable percentage of the community? _____ (2 points)

3. Charitable Resume.

List four of your charitable activities from the last few years: _____ (1 point each)

4. Professional Resume.

Am I a college graduate? _____ (1 point)

Do I have a job that voters in my district would not be "unimpressed" by? _____ (1 point)

Do I have previous or current experience in an elected/non-elected governmental body? _____ (1 point)

Do I have executive/leadership experience in a business or volunteer organization? _____ (1 point)

Scoring. Give yourself points for every "yes." If you have 10 or more points you are personally salable, and would make the kind of viable candidate that voters are traditionally willing to support.

About the author: Kevin Rollins is the editor of *Virginia Liberty*. This article adapted from an essay that originally appeared in the September/October 2003 issue of *Virginia Liberty*.

Michael Badnarik for president



Native Texans, and most who relocate there, share a spirit of stubborn independence. They are proudly self-reliant and notoriously quick to express pride in their state. It's no surprise that the Battle of the Alamo was fought in Texas, where it is considered a shrine to freedom and liberty. In the spring of 2004,

Texas Libertarians will face another fight -- the battle to reclaim ballot access. As in 1836, we're going to need outside assistance to be successful. Please contact the Badnarik Campaign to find out how you can help. There should be TWO Presidential candidates from Texas on the ballot in November.

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THE CHAIR

Looking back at 2003, looking ahead to 2004

We're on the cusp of another year. 2003 has been a difficult year for the Libertarian Party, and a trying year for me. It has also been a year that we can take no small measure of pride in.

We started 2003 in a great deal of debt. The future was uncertain. In 2002 I ran for Chair, and the delegates chose me to serve. Circumstances left me with a most difficult situation — declining membership and dire finances.

Subsequent to the resignation of Steve Dasbach, the LNC directed me to also serve as Executive Director. In all honesty, serving adequately both as Chair and as Executive Director is a burden too onerous for just about anyone.

With the additional burden of needing to provide income for myself and my family, the yoke of these burdens bore heavily upon my shoulders. I'd like to be able to say that I succeeded through my efforts, but feel it is more appropriate to say that I survived the experience, and the Libertarian Party survived likewise.

Throughout 2003, my personal resolve was challenged on a daily basis. Through months of minimal revenues, we managed to keep barely afloat, all the while working towards the way out of the morass. I always knew that our success would rely on the hiring of an executive director.

Providence (in the guise of Libertarian National Committee member Mark Nelson) provided us with a solution to our problems. Mark was the person who referred Joe Seehusen to me. In the closing days of May, 2003, we hired Joe to be our executive director. Finally, after more than eight months, I could get back to wearing just one hat.

With Joe's expertise, hard work, and determination, we accelerated the recovery from our financial problems. We streamlined and reorganized our operations and staff, and reduced our expenses to a fraction of the level they were only one year prior. We brought in experts to counsel us on many aspects of our business. The recovery took on steam.

In 2002, the LNC had passed a very conservative budget for calendar year 2003. A recent budget variance report showed that we had come in about 3% under budget on expenses, and almost 20% over budget on revenues.

At one point, we were as much as one year late on paying vendors. Today, we are current with everyone.

At one point, we were even two months behind in making UMP payments to the states. We not only caught up with what we owed the states, but the last three UMP payments have gone out on time or early.

In that year, although we sunk to depressing levels of debt to our states and vendors, we have paid all of them in full. No vendor took legal action against us. No vendor turned us over to collections. We met those obligations in full.

And now we face an election year, and the future looks daunting. So what? We need to raise about \$300,000 to fund 50 state ballot access. So what? We raised more than that to get out of debt. If you show that same faith, that same trust, that pulled us through our financial crisis, we can make 50 state ballot access happen again.

In five months we'll choose a presidential candidate. How much support we can offer our candidate will be up to you. It's your decision whether or not we send him out to do battle alone, or with an army of supporters.

This year is really like every other that came before, and every other that will ever follow. We've never faced an easy year. The challenges will always materialize to dampen our spirits and test our resolve. The enemies of Liberty will never disappear.

In 2004, you will be the one that decides just what we can do. You will decide how many challenges we face. You will decide how many victories we claim. I leave it in your most able hands.

In the closing of 2003, I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who've helped me in my role as Chair. You have my most heartfelt gratitude.

I do not intend to seek re-election as Chair of the Libertarian Party. I will serve out this term through the 2004 Convention. My reasons are my own, and my regrets are only that I could serve the Libertarian Party no better than I have.



By Geoffrey Neale

LP NATIONAL CHAIR

A Libertarian perspective on the 'crisis' of global warming

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? Each issue, *LP News* will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a more libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

Libertarian SOLUTIONS

confidence a cause and effect relationship" to human activity.

Alarmed, the United Nations created the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 1988 to study "human-induced climate change."

Balance of evidence

The panel issued a report that declared a "balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on the global climate." Using computer models, it predicted that global temperatures could increase by 5.8 degrees by 2100.

That prognostication inspired the Kyoto Protocol (named after the Japanese city in which it was negotiated).

The treaty called for industrialized countries to reduce greenhouse gases by 7% by 2012. However, the Kyoto Protocol can't take effect until it is ratified by 55 nations.

The U.S. Senate has refused to ratify it, citing the massive cost of compliance. By some estimates, the curbs in energy production mandated by the Kyoto Protocol could cause the U.S. GDP to fall by \$318 billion and could destroy as many as 3.1 million jobs.

Meanwhile, the global warming debate goes on. Which leads us back to our four questions...

■ Is the Earth really getting warmer?

Probably. But only a little.

Over the last 100 years, the Earth's temperature has increased about one degree Fahrenheit, according to S. Fred Singer in *Environment News* (November 21, 2003).

However, as noted in the *Cato Handbook for the 107th Congress*, a significant portion of that warming occurred between 1910 to 1940 — "and likely had little if anything to do with changes in the earth's greenhouse effect, as three-quarters of the greenhouse emissions occurred in the [post-World War II] era."

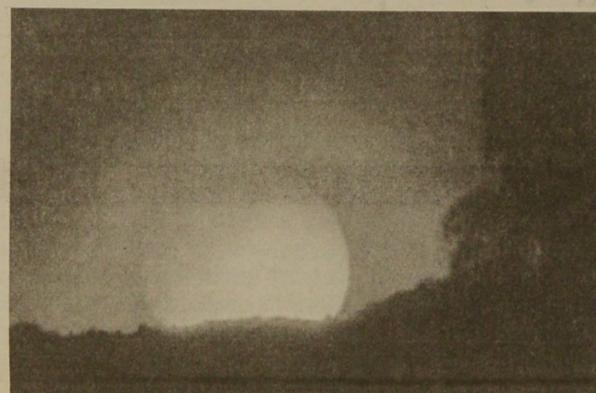
Since then, temperatures have flattened out. By 1996, 100 climate scientists signed the Leipzig Declaration, which stated, "Most scientists now accept the fact that actual observations from Earth satellites show no climate warming whatsoever."

■ If it's getting warmer, is human activity causing it?

Possibly. There is evidence that human-created CO₂ has nudged global temperatures up slightly in the 20th century.

But the proof is not conclusive; other evidence suggests that the rise in temperature is part of long-term, natural cycles.

We do know this: Levels of CO₂ in See WARMING Page 26



warming had been supplanted by a new theory — global cooling. A two-decades long chill caused scientists to warn that atmospheric smoke and dust were leading inexorably to a new Ice Age. The only debate, noted John Shanahan in a *Heritage Foundation Backgrounder* (May 21, 1992) was "how soon it would come and how devastating the cold would be."

To the surprise of many, glaciers failed to cover the earth. Instead, temperatures crept up, leading to a revival of the global warming theory. In 1975, the first computer-simulated climate model was introduced. It predicted that CO₂ would cause sustained temperature increases.

In 1988, James Hansen, chief of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, told the U.S. Senate that global warming had arrived, and "we can ascribe with a high degree of

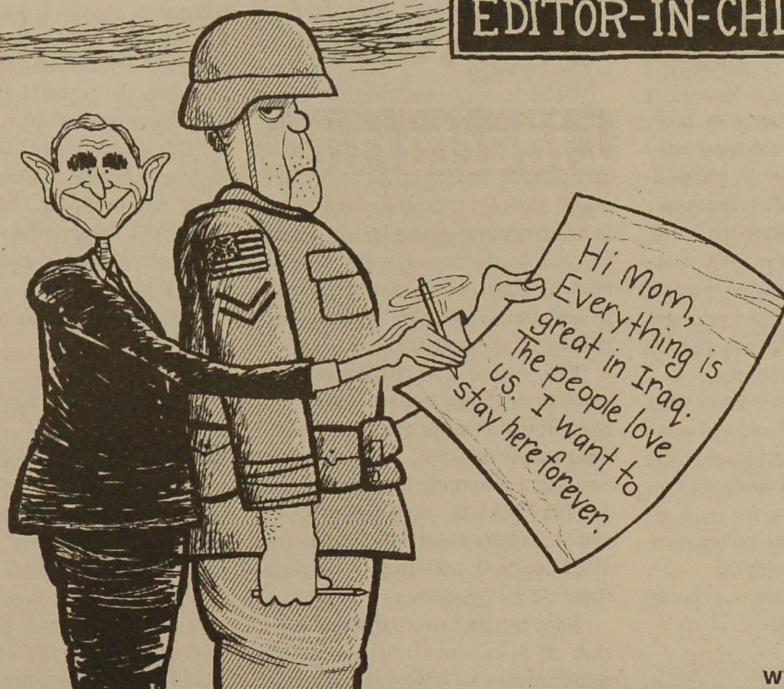
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Raising the rhetorical ante even more was Sir John Houghton, co-chair of the U.N.'s Scientific Assessment Working Group of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, who proclaimed that "human-induced climate change is a weapon of mass destruction."

Are they correct? Are we polluting ourselves into an environmental apocalypse?

But first: What exactly is "global warming"? It's the theory that gases — primarily carbon dioxide (CO₂) — created by burning fossil fuels like oil and coal collect in the atmosphere, trapping heat and causing global tem-

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



THE MAILBOX

■ Boortz embarrassment
Unless the courage can be summoned to rescind [radio talk show host] Neal Boortz's invitation as a headliner for the upcoming Atlanta convention, the party risks serious embarrassment.

He has made it abundantly clear that unless Libertarians put forward a candidate with a foreign policy more belligerent than President Bush's, he will find it necessary to support the Republican Party in next year's election.

On yesterday's show — the very day the Republican-controlled Senate tacked on the abominable prescription drug subsidy to Medicare — Boortz spent three hours blasting Bush for a litany of domestic policy failures and heresies.

When Boortz was challenged by a caller who suggested that subsidized drugs might be the price we must pay in order to keep our commander-in-chief in office, Boortz conceded that if he could be sure such were the case, even he would be willing to support the \$400 billion dollar program.

— BRUCE EARNHEART
Dayton, Ohio

■ Bag Boortz

I don't expect the national LP convention to present all 100% libertarian speakers, but I was a bit shocked to read some of Neal Boortz's pro-interventionist and pro-Patriot Act positions.

Clearly, this guy is no friend to those who have denounced the initiation of force, no matter what he thinks about the drug war.

Honoring him with an appearance

INVITING BOORTZ
to the LP convention is "a terrible idea, akin to allowing a KKK spokesman to do a presentation on affirmative action."

at the [2004 LP national] convention is a terrible idea, akin to allowing a KKK spokesman to do a presentation on affirmative action. I'd rather hear from more Libertarian candidates past and present. They deserve the exposure.

I hope the conference organizers will do the right thing and bag Boortz.

— JIM BABB
Norristown, Pennsylvania

■ Interest rates

The recent article about affordable housing missed the point of why housing prices are skyrocketing [Libertarian Solutions, "How to tackle the problem of affordable housing in America," December 2003].

The most fundamental reason is that interest rates are artificially set by the Federal Reserve Board. The enormous leverage and capital availability caused by artificially low interest rates, combined with demand, is what is driving prices upward.

The market is totally distorted by

enormous loans, in which only the monthly payment need be considered.

If interest rates start to increase, the price of real estate will again fall. It can only be hoped that the plunge does not take the entire economy and banking system with it.

— GLEN GOODMAN
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

■ New third rail

I couldn't agree more with Bill Winter's article on lowering the price of housing and the evils of zoning. The problem is that after four years of dealing with those types of issues as a city councilman in small-town Indiana, I'm convinced that zoning is as much of a third rail for the LP at the local level as the drug war is.

My district is on the growth side of town with more than its share of \$200,000 homes. During my term in office, most of the issues that came before us concerned zoning, annexation, and property rights — and the joke around town was the number of times I was on the short end of 6-1 votes.

I couldn't begin to tell you how many folks have told me that while they didn't necessarily agree with me, they admired my stance. That is the problem. While folks liked what I said, they felt that my position could be perilous to their property values.

With property, we are talking about the value of an investment. People have been making these investments for over 50 years with the assurances that the value of their property will stay artificially inflated

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Rethinking immigration

Make that: *Don't give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.*

At least, that was the opinion of two-thirds of *LP News* readers about the always controversial issue of immigration.

In answer to this month's unscientific Pulse question — "Is it time to change the Libertarian Party's 'open borders' position on immigration?" — 66.7% of respondents answered "yes," and said the LP should stop advocating unrestricted immigration.

Their reasons varied. Some cited post-9/11 security concerns. Some mentioned the "welfare magnet" problem, which encourages lazy immigrants to move to America to collect welfare checks. Some said it was politically untenable.

On the other hand, 33.4% said the party *should* continue to support "free immigration." Any other position, said some, would violate the party's "non-initiation of force" ideals. Others said current problems with immigration are caused by big-government policies, and would vanish in a more Libertarian America. Others, making a practical argument, said open immigration would attract votes from Hispanic Americans and other immigrant groups.

One interesting result: Of the Pulse responses that arrived by regular mail, 85.7% opposed open immigration. Of the e-mail responses, 63.6% opposed open immigration. Why the difference? It could be that older or less affluent Libertarians (who are slightly less likely to have computers and Internet access) take a more "conservative" approach, and are less likely to support immigration.

(Full disclosure: 51 people responded to this Pulse question; 34 opposed and 17 supported open immigration.)

Here's what *LP News* readers had to say:

■ The Libertarian Party position on immigration is in conflict with reality. Even if there were no government at all, most sane people would be opposed to invasion by forces that are hostile to their survival and beliefs.

— MARIE HEINS, Olympia, Washington

■ In an ideal world, (that is, a Libertarian world), there would be no need for border control. However, as Libertarians, we must accept the realities of today. The fact is, a large number of people in the world wish to do us harm, and I believe we must make an effort to protect the life, liberty, and property of our citizens.

— BRIAN WILSON, Louisville, Kentucky

■ The war on illegal immigration is as bad an idea as the War on Drugs. Fighting unwinnable wars is truly bad policy.

— KEVIN D. HIGGINSON, Olive Branch, Mississippi

■ There should be strong military presence patrolling our borders. If we don't tighten our borders we will be inviting more terrorism, increased social programs, and escalating crime problems. Just look at California as an example.

— DEAN RUTHERFORD, Hailey, Idaho

■ Immigration is unpopular with at least 75% of the American public. It should also be noted that freedom flourishes in small, homogeneous states, while suffering in large, overpopulated, heterogeneous empires. Immigration must be limited to ensure our liberties.

— JOSEPH H. MARCH, Sterling, Virginia

■ Since traveling from one part of the Earth to another is not an act of force, and neither is crossing an arbitrarily placed invisible line, our position should never change unless we want to become something other than the Libertarian Party.

— PAUL SCOTT WILLIAMS, Denver, Colorado

■ The owner of property should determine who can go onto that property. Government property properly belongs to the taxpayers who, as voters, should be able to determine who can go onto it. The LP position on immigration should be that the voters can set immigration policy. That does not perfectly reflect the principle, but it is closer than what we have now.

— RICHARD FUERLE, Grand Island, New York

■ It's more than time to change the open immigration plank. That's another one of the Utopian positions that never was practical and helped drive thoughtful people away from the LP. Under the present world situation open immigration is nothing short of suicidal.

— DON WACKER, Issaquah, Washington

■ This country must seal its borders for seven years, minimum. Then we must remove all non-citizens, even those in prisons. The only non-

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citizens that can remain are the major diplomatic people. Visas will be allowed for two weeks (visits) and these people must be tracked.

— RICHARD C. EVEY, Havelock, North Carolina

■ Unrestricted immigration? No, thanks. The de facto open border to our south represents far more than economic opportunity seized. The invaders are self-segregating and coalescing into Latino political entities with declared objectives such as the re-conquest of the southwest, from Texas to California.

— WILLIAM DIETZ, Spring Hill, Tennessee

■ People should seek in their own countries those liberties and opportunities that they immigrate to the U.S. for. The borders should always have been closed.

— JAMES M. YOUNG, Reno, Nevada

■ Non-initiation of force is core to the libertarian philosophy and the foundation of the Libertarian Party. Restricting one's ability to travel, work, or reside is a force; regardless of one's origin.

— DAN COCHRAN, Windsor, Colorado

■ For all the reasons that we don't want checkpoints between cities or states, we need to abandon national border guards. Free trade and free travel are the hallmarks of a free society. Barbed wire, border guards, and identity papers should be abhorrent to Libertarians everywhere.

— J. Mills, Tacoma, Washington

■ The "open borders" stance is no longer a feasible one. Two years post 9-11, the world is no more safe than it was then and opening the borders is simply not a safe or smart choice. Opening the borders worldwide is a recipe for disaster.

— CHARLES MCCOY, Austin, Texas

March Question: R or D in 2004?

As difficult as it is to believe, there are some libertarians who have organized a "Libertarians for Howard Dean" group. Sure, they say, the Democratic frontrunner wants to deregulate major industries and reverse the Bush tax cuts — but at least he would get us out of Iraq and repeal the USA/Patriot Act. As difficult as it is to believe, there are some libertarians who want President George W. Bush to get re-elected. (Talk show host Neal Boortz among them.) Sure, they say, Bush foisted a \$400 billion Medicare drug benefit on us, invaded Iraq, and has presided over a massive increase in government spending — but at least he cut taxes and is aggressively fighting the threat of terrorism. Now, we know you're going to vote Libertarian in 2004. But most Americans probably won't. So, if our guy doesn't win, would you prefer Bush to get four more years, or would liberty be better served with a Democrat serving in the White House?

■ **QUESTION:** If a Libertarian doesn't win, would the USA be better off with a Democrat such as Howard Dean getting elected president in 2004, or with G.W. Bush getting re-elected? Or doesn't it matter? And why? (Please keep answers to 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** February 8, 2004

Feb. Question: Iraq Views Now?

Back in 2002, when Libertarians began debating the wisdom of a U.S. invasion of Iraq, the debate was entirely *theoretical*. Did Iraq have WMD? If so, did they pose a danger to the U.S.? Was Saddam Hussein an ally of al Qaeda? Now, seven months after Saddam was toppled, those questions have not been definitively answered, but facts are emerging. No Iraqi WMD have been found. No clear Saddam/al Qaeda link has been discovered. On November 1, an FBI spokesman said al Qaeda is still a "very, very serious threat" to the USA. The U.S. faces a "long, hard slog" to pacify Iraq, says Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. And U.S. soldiers keep dying. That got us wondering: Given what has happened since the U.S. invasion of Iraq, has your opinion about the merits of attacking that nation changed from a year ago?

■ **QUESTION:** Regarding the U.S. invasion of Iraq, in which of the following four categories do you fall: 1) You opposed it before and oppose it now. 2) You supported it before and support it now. 3) You opposed it before but support it now. 4) You supported it before but oppose it now. And why? (Keep answers to 100 words.)

■ **DEADLINE:** January 8, 2004

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through zoning laws and government intervention. The only negative I heard tossed my way last November was that Libertarians were in favor of letting people do whatever they wanted with their property ... including hog farms and adult businesses.

Yes, the LP can argue that the courts will be there for you if you are damaged, but that is reactive protection. Zoning is proactive and you have to admit, a very effective way to control your neighbor's property.

Philosophically I still know that zoning is an evil and looking back I don't see any votes that I would have changed, but on a real world and local level our candidates for local offices are going to have to learn an effective way to deal with it.

— PHIL MILLER
Greenville, Indiana

Taxation factor

Many thanks for the fine article on the costs of government intervention in housing. I see many of the same things in the behavior of my local government.

I would like to cite one factor the article omitted — taxation. Check your own tax bill to see how much is due to each of the assessed value of your house.

Several cities in Pennsylvania have addressed this matter. They tax home improvements at a lower rate than land values, while retaining the same total revenue. One such town taxes land values at 21 times the rate of home improvements.

In every case where such has been done, there has been a building boom and an increase in employment. The city of Pittsburgh did it for years at a ratio of six to one, and had a renaissance. Things have gone back to bad since they dropped the practice.

It's well past time to recognize that land values are created by the actions of the surrounding society, not by those of the title holder. It's well past time to stop taking individual earnings for societal purposes and, instead, to use societal earnings.

— GEORGE AMBERG
El Cerrito, California

Boffo buffalo

I have a suggestion: The Libertarian Party should also have an animal mascot. I suggest the American bison.

The Republicans have the elephant and the Democrats have the donkey. I think that the bison would be a great symbol for the Libertarian Party. It would be representative of the Libertarian stance on Native American rights!

— JACK D. PAPIN
Westerville, Ohio

Impeaching Bush

It is not surprising that the city of Santa Cruz, California has passed a resolution to ask Congress to impeach Bush & Company for High Crimes and Misdemeanors.

The reason given is that President George W. Bush violated international

Party are property rights and freedom of association.

If I'm not mistaken, the Libertarian view is that the owners of establishments should have the right to dictate whether they want smoking in their establishment. The public supports or protests their decision with their patronage.

So, David Brown, I respect your right to have an opinion, but smoke isn't force. Both "smokers" and "breathers" should be able to decide whether they wish to support an establishment and its rules.

This is not the job of the government.

— JOHN GALLEGOS
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Not a public place

I have one question regarding the several letters in defense of smoking bans: Since when are bars and restaurants "public places?" All three letters (Wahls, LaDow, and Brown) refer to the former as the latter, which makes it very hard to believe that these three people are actually members of the Libertarian Party.

The last time I checked, bars and restaurants were private property, which both the employees and the customers inhabit by choice, and in which the owner can reserve the right to refuse service to anyone he/she wishes. There's nothing "public" about it.

Is smoking aggression? Sure, I suppose if someone walked up to someone else and blew smoke in their face, that could be considered an act of aggression (albeit a minor one, the physical harm of which can be debated) which could be legislated against.

But entering a smoky bar or your own free will negates any liability on the part of a smoker there. It's like entering a strip club and then being appalled at the nudity and suing the dancers for indecent exposure.

Of course, I've probably just given Wahls, LaDow & Brown another great idea for something to ban. Unlike them, totalitarianism — no matter how seemingly small — doesn't work for me.

— RYAN POSLY
Los Angeles, California

Fatal flaw

The arguments supporting restaurant smoking bans, as presented in many recent letters to The Mailbox, suffer from a fatal flaw which totally invalidates them: They claim that a restaurant is a "public place."

By what right do you classify someone's privately owned restaurant as being any more "public" than your own home?

If you invite people to come voluntarily onto your private property for a meal, what difference should it make legally whether you live on this property, or whether you call it a restaurant, or whether you ask that your guests do something for you in return (like bring a bottle of wine, do you a favor, or pay you some cash)?

If you grant the government the power to label private property as "public," and so to dictate what consenting adults do there, then you

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treaties, manipulated public fears to justify war, and violated Constitutional rights.

What is surprising is that other cities have not done the same. Our states and cities are all cutting back on essential services such as fire and police, schools, hospitals, and emergency services due to a lack of funds. The cost of the invasion and occupation of Iraq equals approximately \$1,660 for every man, woman, and child in this country.

The invasion would never have taken place if Congress and the people had not been lied to about the imminent threat posed by Iraq, the then-nonexistent connection to terrorism and Bin Laden, the nonexistent weapons of mass destruction, and the Iraqis' supposed willingness to trade their oil for freedom.

Despite the fact that Bush knew that all of his justifications for war were untrue, he continues to repeat them in every speech. If we permit this Administration to continue their campaign of imperialism, we will all pay dearly in many ways. It's time to call for impeachment!

— CHARLES PRENDERGAST
Los Angeles, California

More on the WTO

Thanks for the "front line" reporting on the Fifth World Trade Organization Conference in Cancun in the November 2003 issue.

Libertarians need to get clued in on the struggle that is emerging over globalization. This is a critical issue and I'd like to see more coverage of it.

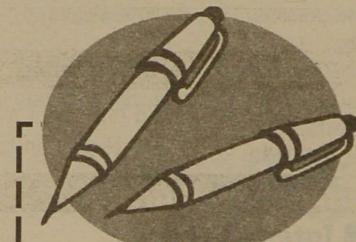
We also need to see some Libertarian debate on globalization.

— JOSEPH MIRANDA
Northridge, California

Smoke isn't force

I was reading the December 2003 Mailbox and was shocked by the letters to the editor concerning the issue of smoking and smoking bans. For a minute I questioned whether I was reading a Libertarian newspaper.

It seems, though, that the writers were missing the point. They were arguing the issue of smoking. The relevant issues to the Libertarian



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grant it that power over your home as well.

And the argument from Dean Wahls comparing tobacco smoke to mustard gas doesn't hold up because, whatever you may believe regarding the dangers of smoke, it is certainly true that no one ever suffered any harm from tobacco smoke if he left the building at the first sign of anyone lighting up. It is simply a question of whether you have the choice to avoid any possible harm.

So if you don't like what goes on in a restaurant, then leave, or else complain to the true owner. There's no reason to complain to the government, unless you believe that the government really does own everything.

— BRADLEY BOBBS
Calabasas, California

Market forces

What's this nonsense about banning smoking? Instead, why aren't people thinking of solutions that involve the free market?

Instead of banning it, have businesses make their own decision on whether it will be a smoking or non-smoking establishment, clearly mark that on the entrance doors, and have employers clearly reveal that to all

prospective employees?

Then let's let the market forces work. Makes more sense to me than a ban. And this coming from a person who despises smoking.

— JIM GOEBEL
Bradley, Illinois

They are confused

Various letters from Charles Geisel, Dean Wahls and David Brown, among others, have claimed that the LP should support smoking bans. The letters generally claim that smokers violate people's rights by forcing them to inhale smoke in "public" places and that this constitutes violence against nonsmokers.

Wahls and Brown state that arguments about health effects are beside the point; I would agree. Where the letter writers seem to be confused, however, is in the notion of a "public" place.

A restaurant/bar is a public place in that the public is invited, it is, however, private property. Libertarians, as stated in the Party's Statement of Principles, believe in a society in which people are "left free by government to deal with one another as free traders."

Anyone who patronizes a restaurant/bar has tacitly agreed to inhale the smoke. This does not mean that

he likes it, only that he desires the other values provided by the restaurant owner sufficiently that he is willing to accept the smoke in his lungs as part of the price ("trade"). This does not constitute forcing people to breathe smoke any more than the restaurant attempting to collect a check constitutes theft.

As an analogy, Mr. Brown might detest rap music, yet as libertarians we would not believe that if he chose to patronize a restaurant that had a live, loud rap concert during the meal, he has a legitimate claim that he was being forced to listen to music he detests.

I suppose, however, he would argue that all music be banned in any "public" place lest there be a violation of people's right to not have their eardrums invaded.

— WILLIAM STOCKER
Port Washington, New York

They are insane

How can all these people claim to be Libertarian who want to deny smokers' rights?

These people are insane if they think they are Libertarian in any form whatsoever. They should join the Green Party or the Democratic Party. They sure aren't libertarian.

I think they should read Ayn Rand, especially the books on her philosophy. She says the so-called liberals only want to die as they hate life and want to get to die to get to a

PRESIDENT BUSH

must be defeated in 2004. Any change will at least slow down our country's rapid descent into totalitarianism."

some of the best people in our movement came out of the Left.

There are certainly many on the Left now who are open minded enough to listen to what we have to say about economic liberty once they begin to understand that civil liberties depend on economic liberties, and that government cannot give to anybody what it has not first taken away from someone else.

The more I read history, the more concerned I become. History does repeat itself and human nature does not change. Some individuals are intent on ruling the world, and President Bush is one of them.

Therefore, the defeat of Bush in 2004 should be the main goal.

— ALICE LILLIE
Henderson, Nevada

Pledge about meat

Re: "What PETA means," The Mail-Box, November 2003: Josh Corn said that when I eat meat, I am violating the non-initiation of force pledge I signed when I became a member of the Libertarian Party.

The pledge I signed was that I would not use force to achieve my political views. The pledge was political. It was not speaking of the right to eat or not eat animals.

— JEREMY MAIKRAMZ
Framcisco, Indiana

Offensive cartoon

Of the two cartoons in [the November 2003 issue], I must take great exception to that which charges President Bush with fleecing Americans for \$87 billion.

While there is substantial disagreement with the LP about the wisdom of the war in Iraq, your paper has for the most part been principled and has been entirely consistent in its opposition. And it has earned the respect of your party for doing so.

But printing this cartoon betrays your earlier good work. It simply goes too far. Reasonable people can disagree about the Iraq war, but we as a party cannot accuse the president of taking us into war merely for financial gain unless we have clear and credible evidence of that fact. Do you?

To be taken seriously we must be somewhat serious. To accuse our president of fleecing taxpayers with regard to the funding for reconstructing Iraq is not even a semi-serious position.

Go after him for his steel tariffs, or his tax cuts for the rich, or even his unwillingness or inability to attract more coalition partners for Iraq — but don't accuse the president of putting hundreds of thousands of people in mortal danger solely so that he could fleece taxpayers.

— RICHARD GILBERT REED
Los Angeles, California

■ **Editor's note:** By "fleecing," I assumed that the cartoonist meant the \$87 billion the president wanted for Iraq was being wasted. (Former U.S. Senator William Proxmire used to give a "Golden Fleece" award for egregious examples of government waste.) That message (tax dollars being wasted) was consistent with our editorial position that an invasion of Iraq was not necessary for national defense.

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the atmosphere have increased by about 30% — from 280 parts per million (ppm) to about 365 ppm — over the past millennium.

However, human beings play only a small role in the production of CO₂. As England's Channel 4 Television noted in 1997: "Oceans emit 90 billion tons of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas, every year. Decaying plants throw up another 90 billion tons, compared to just six billion tons a year from humans."

A study of historic records, tree rings, and ice cores also reveals that there have been significant climate fluctuations through the ages.

For example, there was a centuries-long warming spell — called the Medieval Warm Period — that allowed Vikings to settle in Greenland in 982 A.D. The now-snow covered island had a hospitable growing season back then, and the settlers thrived until the 14th century. That's when a so-called Little Ice Age chilled the entire Western hemisphere. By 1480 A.D., the Vikings had starved to death.

During the Little Ice Age, the Thames river in London froze, famines became more frequent as crops failed, and glaciers advanced out of the Swiss Alps.

Scientists who measure today's temperatures against the Little Ice Age, which lasted from the mid-14th century until about 1850, are "exaggerating the significance of today's temperature rise," said the *Wikipedia Encyclopedia*.

If the planet is getting warmer again, what is turning up the thermostat? One answer: The sun.

In a study in the journal *Physical Review Letters*, European scientists reported that the sun has been more active during the last half-century than at anytime in the last 1,150 years.

Scientists from the Max Planck Institute for Aeronomy and the University of Oulu say sunspots are at a millennium-high level. They calculated this based on radioactive isotopes preserved in ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica.

The European scientists did not claim that the sunspots contribute to global warming. However, as the *Washington Times* reported, "Their work will probably be noted by those who claim temperature rises during the past century are the result of changes in the Sun's output."

■ How much hotter might it get?

According to the latest "best guess" by the IPCC's computer models, the Earth's temperature will increase by 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100.

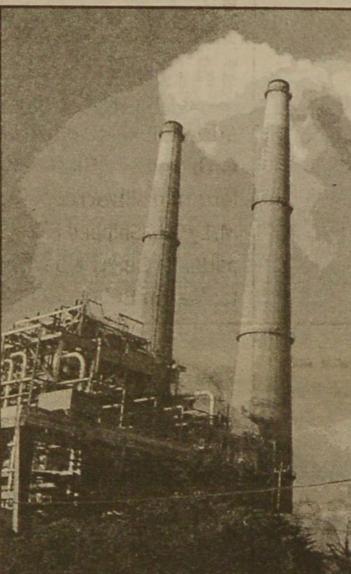
However, as Joseph L. Bast noted in *Heartland Policy Study No. 88* (October 1, 1998), the IPCC's computer models are "unable to replicate past climate trends."

In other words, when they run the models backwards, and attempt to recreate the temperature fluctuations that have actually occurred over the

past 100 years, the computer generates numbers that "do not even overlap" with reality. Such "unreliable" results show that the computer models are "too crude to predict future climate changes," wrote Bast.

If temperatures continue to creep upwards as they have during the last century, the increase could be as little as 1.35 degrees Fahrenheit, said Patrick J. Michaels, author of *The Satanic Gases*.

Why the big difference in projections? Because "climatology is perhaps one of the most complex and uncertain of all scientific fields," wrote the Heritage Foundation's John Shanahan. "It is not possible to run controlled experiments for the whole planet in a laboratory test tube. Thus scientists are forced to use models to predict the consequences of various



influences, and to try to disentangle the effect of one factor from a myriad of others."

The bottom line: No one knows for sure.

■ How bad might the effects be?

If you believe Al Gore, the effects of global warming will rival those of the Black Death.

Real scientists aren't so sure. Writing in *Heartland Policy Study No. 88*, Bast noted that a "slightly warmer world would probably be greener and a little cloudier than our world today, but otherwise not much different."

Higher concentrations of CO₂ gas in the atmosphere would "improve agricultural production," wrote the Heritage Foundation's Shanahan. "Studies conducted by the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service show that doubling the CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere would improve cotton yields by 80%, wheat and rice by 36%, soy-

beans by 32%, and corn by 16%."

However, those benefits could be tempered by flooding and more unpredictable weather, say other researchers.

In other words: No one can be sure "whether any changes in global temperature would be beneficial or detrimental," said Shanahan.

Conclusion

There is no "official" Libertarian position on the debate over global warming. Libertarianism — a political philosophy — cannot say whether the Earth is warming, or what causes long-term climate changes, or what the impact of a warming planet might be. Ultimately, those are scientific questions that will be answered by scientists.

However, most libertarians will view global warming through a libertarian sensibility.

That sensibility was best summarized by H. L. Mencken, who said, "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed and hence clamoring to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

For politicians, global warming is the perfect hobgoblin.

Politicians like Al Gore tell us that only government (and the Kyoto Protocol) can save future generations from an environmental plague of Biblical proportions.

Without new taxes on energy sources; without new regulations on automobiles and power plants; without government-funded research into alternative energy sources — in other words, without a raft of new taxes and regulations — the planet is doomed, they say.

As Bast wrote in *Heartland Policy Study No. 88*, "Virtually all economic activities involve the use of energy and consequently the release of greenhouse gases." Therefore, he wrote, politicians' proposals "to limit greenhouse gases is a license for governments to monitor, tax, regulate, or ban virtually any activity."

Giving that power to politicians — to "monitor, tax, regulate, or ban virtually any activity" — is something no Libertarian could endorse.

That's why the best solution to the threat of global warming may be what Bast calls the "no regrets" policy.

It consists of investing "in atmospheric research to determine whether a genuine threat exists, and [investing] in reducing emissions only when such investments make economic sense in their own right."

Under such a plan, government could help by reducing taxes and eliminating regulations to "encourage new investments in capital and technology, thereby speeding up the process of phasing out inefficient machinery."

Such a policy, wrote Bast, "promises much superior results without the enormous social costs and losses of liberty" that would result from giving politicians the power to "fix" global warming.

UPCOMING

■ March 6, 2004

Delaware LP Convention, Holiday Inn Select, Claymont. Speakers TBA. For more information, call (302) 478-5919. Or e-mail: chair@de.lp.org.

■ March 12-13, 2004

New Jersey LP Convention, Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa, Galloway Township. Speakers include Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*), Dean Ahmad (president, Minaret of Freedom Institute), and John Berthoud (president, National Taxpayers Union). For information, visit: www.njlp.org.

■ March 12-14, 2004

California LP Convention, San Jose DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose. Speakers include Dean Cameron (actor), Peter Thiel (founder, PayPal), Gary Nolan and Michael Badnarik (candidates for 2004 LP presidential nomination), Geoff Neale (LP national chair), Joe Seehusen (LP executive director), and Rev. Lynnette Shaw (marijuana activist). For information, e-mail: convention@ca.lp.org. Or visit: www.ca.lp.org.

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■ March 27, 2004

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■ April 23-25, 2004

Ohio LP Convention, Clarion Hotel and Suites, Cincinnati. Speakers TBA. For information, e-mail Steve Schulte at: srschult@iac.net. Or call: (513) 923-4299.

■ April 24, 2004

Connecticut LP Convention, The Colony Hotel, New Haven. Speakers TBA. For information, e-mail: vicechair@lpct.org.

■ May 13-15, 2004

Freedom Fest 2004: "Where Free Minds Meet," Bally's and Paris, Las Vegas. Sponsored by The Young America's Foundation. Speakers include John Mackey (founder, Whole Foods), Charles Murray (author, *Human Accomplishment*), Harry Browne (1996 and 2002 LP presidential candidate), James Bovard (author, *Terrorism and Tyranny*), and Ron Paul (U.S. Representative, R-TX). For information, visit: www.freedomfest.com. Or call: (800) USA-1776.

■ May 21-23, 2004

Colorado LP Convention, Rocky Mountain Park Holiday Inn, Estes Park. Speakers include Boston T. Party (author, *Hologram of Liberty*). For information, visit: http://home.earthlink.net/~libertytool/.

■ May 27-31, 2004

Liberarian Presidential Nominating Convention, Marriott Atlanta Marquis Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. Speakers include Dean Cameron (actor), James Gray (U.S. District judge), Neal Boortz (syndicated radio talk show host), James Bovard (author, *Terrorism and Tyranny*), James Gray (U.S. district judge), Michael C. Colley (retired U.S. Navy vice admiral), James Lark (past LP national chair), Richard Mack (anti-Brady Bill sheriff), David Nolan (Libertarian Party founder), Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*), and Ed Thompson (2002 Wisconsin LP gubernatorial candidate). Entertainers include blues musician Jimmie Vaughan. Questions, comments, suggestions, e-mail: convention@hq.lp.org.

■ June 11-13, 2004

Texas LP Convention, College Station Hilton Hotel, College Station. Speakers TBA. For information, call Christopher Jagge at: (979) 695-9646. Or e-mail: c_jagge@email.msn.com.

■ October 28-31, 2004

Cato University Fall Weekend Seminar: "Arguments for Liberty: How to Defend Individual Rights and Limited Government," Le Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City, Canada. Sponsored by the Cato Institute. Speakers include Tom Palmer (director, Cato University) and Robert A. Sirico (Acton Institute). For information, visit: www.cato-university.org.

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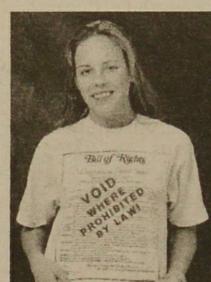
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■ January 31, 2004

Arizona LP Convention, Viscount Suite Hotel, Tucson. Speakers include Clint Bolick (Institute for Justice), Gary Nolan and Michael Badnarik (candidates, 2004 LP presidential nomination), and Joe Duarte (columnist, *The East Valley Tribune*). For information, visit: www.azlp.org. Or call: (602) 248-8425. Or e-mail: lpaz-info@cox.net.

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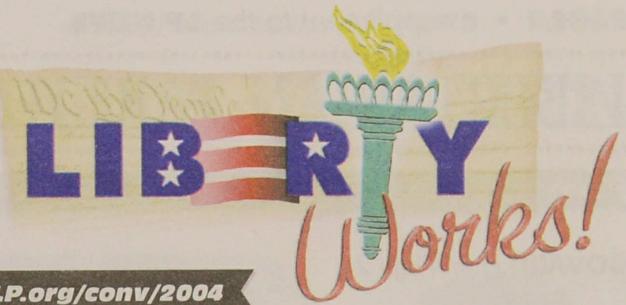


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by Nancy Neale

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

I assume you've all been reading my Convention columns these past months in the *LP News*. As you can see the main "theme" of the 2004 LP National Convention is "LIBERTY Works!" (I hope you like the neat logo.) We have selected Dr. Mary Ruwart to give the "Keynote" Address to kick off the weekend.

The underlying concept is that non-government solutions to society's needs work so much better than government programs (which often cause more harm than good). Although not every speaker or event will fit strictly into this theme, one of our goals is to give us all some ammunition especially when talking to people on the left. We've been pretty successful in talking about economic freedoms but often fall short in selling the concepts of personal freedoms to most people who feel that the only way to address these "problems" is with a government program. We want to be able to sell the concept that Liberty Does Work!

There will be many topics discussed, to educate us and to inspire us. And as I've tried to stress, the Convention is not just for Delegates. You do have to be a party member and a credentialed Delegate to participate in the Business Sessions. But in addition to those, there will be a wide variety of speakers, in the Workshops, at the meals and some in the Main Convention Hall (where the Business Sessions take place).

Concurrent with the Business on Friday and Saturday, there will be two tracks of Workshop Sessions, one primarily for ideology and one for "nuts and bolts" campaign, candidate and outreach training. There will be one track of "outreach" Workshops on Sunday, which will be free and

open to the public, and advertised locally, geared toward newcomers.

Remember that if you wish to be a Delegate, you must be a party member and you must follow the procedures through your own state party for becoming a Delegate.

But all the Workshops and all the speakers in the Main Hall, all the meals (with speakers) and the social events can be attended by anyone. So I encourage you to tell your friends about the Convention.

Of course one of the highlights of this Convention is the Presidential Nomination. The Agenda of the Business will be set by the Chair, in accordance with the party Bylaws. The presidential and VP nominations, election of party officers and LNC will most likely take place on Sunday. If you're a Delegate, you can be involved in the process; if not, you are welcome to observe this and any Business Sessions.

You can read here about some of the speakers (plus Jimmie Vaughan). As we are still acquiring new speakers we cannot at this time put any particular speaker into a particular time-slot. As soon as we know, we'll try to get the info onto the website and into future additions of this Convention "brochure" insert; and there will be many more speaker bios next month.

The Friday night Concert featuring Jimmie Vaughan will also be promoted in Atlanta as a regular concert event. We are securing the talents of other great musicians to open for Jimmie, and we'll tell you about them next time. This will be a fantastic concert!

Make your hotel reservations and register for all the great Convention events. I hope you're looking forward to Memorial Day Weekend as much as we are!



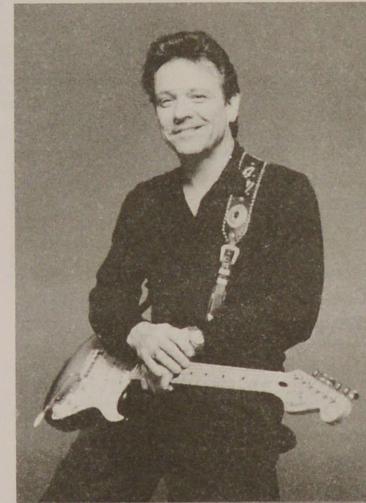
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Guitar legend Jimmy Vaughan, among others to make appearances



Jimmie Vaughan

Dr. Mary J. Ruwart

Mary J. Ruwart, Ph.D. is a woman who practically needs no introduction to most Libertarians.

The publication of her book *Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle* in 1992 became a "secret weapon" for libertarians, especially in presenting our principles to the left. It was hailed by *Visions Magazine* as "what may be the most important book of the decade." Ron Paul wrote that Healing "applies win-win strategies to the political realm, bridging the gap between conservatives and liberals, Christians and New Agers, special interests and the common good with practical solutions to our economic, environmental, and societal woes."

The Foreword to *Healing* was written by no less than Frances Kendall and Leon Louw, Nobel Peace Prize nominees in 1989, 1991 and 1992. Dr. Ruwart's book was revised and released in 2003 under the title *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*, also forwarded by Kendall and Louw.

Dr. Ruwart publishes a web column on the Advocates for Self-Government site on "Short Answers to the Tough Questions" providing attention-catching sound bites for Libertarian candidates and others. She has spoken on that subject many times and also has "Short Answers" audio tapes available.

She is a former pharmaceutical research scientist and Assistant Professor of Surgery, and also has available *The FDA's War on Your Health: How Government Regulations Kill - An Insider's Perspective*. It draws on her 25 years in health care and her sister Martie's assisted suicide to document the needless suffering caused by the FDA.

Her scientific, political, and

community activities – she has also worked extensively with the disadvantaged in low-income housing – have been profiled in several prestigious biographical works, including *American Men and Women of Sciences*, *World's Who's Who of Women*, *International Leaders in Achievement*, and *Community Leaders of America*.

Possibly more than any other speaker at this Convention, Dr. Mary Ruwart – through her extensive work, research and activism – preeminently represents the theme of our 2004 LP Convention, "LIBERTY Works!" It is for these reasons that she has been invited to be our Keynote Speaker.

(please visit ruwart.com and self-gov.org)

Jimmie Vaughan

Guitar legend Jimmie Vaughan quietly came onto the LP radar when the Texas party noticed his name on the mailing list. Respecting his privacy no attempts were made to contact him, but he started showing up at some local events in Austin. Most people don't recognize him and he just introduces himself as "Jimmie."

This longtime "avatar of retro cool" has graciously and generously offered to donate his time and share his talents at a special Concert at our National Convention.

Sidelined by a football injury at the age of 13, a family friend gave Vaughan a guitar to occupy him during his recuperation. Turns out, he was a natural. He also began tutoring his younger brother Stevie, who would cite Jimmie as his biggest influence on his own career. At 15, Jimmie started his first band and was soon playing the Dallas nightclub scene. By 16, he joined The Chessman, eventually opening for Jimi Hendrix in Dallas.

In 1969, Vaughan helped found Texas Storm, and eventually migrated to Austin, where they won over the college crowd and the Black and Chicano communities on the Capital City's East Side. He also helped jump-start Stevie's career when the younger Vaughan joined Texas Storm on bass.

He founded The Fabulous Thunderbirds with Kim Wilson in the mid 1970s. They became the house band when Antone's nightclub opened in 1975 and, shared the stage with such blues greats as Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy and B.B. King.

Vaughan recorded eight albums with The Fabulous Thunderbirds, including *Tuff Enuff* (certified platinum), with its hit title single.

The Thunderbirds brought the blues back into the pop charts, sparking a blues revival. Prior to leaving the group in 1990, Jimmie had teamed up with Stevie to record *Family Style*.

In August, 1990, just a few weeks prior to the album's release, Stevie Ray Vaughan died in a helicopter crash in Wisconsin. The tragedy devastated Jimmie, who retreated from touring and recording. Meanwhile, the success (and a Grammy win) of *Family Style* further enhanced Jimmie's reputation as a distinctive musical stylist.

Eventually, Vaughan's friend Eric Clapton invited him to open a series of 16 special concerts at London's Royal Albert Hall and after the warm reception, Jimmie ventured out on his solo career. As Clapton notes, "The first time I heard Jimmie Vaughan, I was impressed with the raw power of his sound. His style is unique, and if I've learned anything from him, it's to keep it simple."

His most recent Grammy is for his 2001 album *Do You Get The Blues?* "I wanted to make a romantic blues album," explains Vaughan. "I was listening to a lot of Sarah Vaughan and a lot of jazz. So I wanted to put my dirty blues guitar and the romantic feelings and the ins and outs of love together on one album....I just try to create what I feel."

Following another passion, he has also become one of the foremost designers of classic custom cars. "I don't play golf. So cars are my hobby; it's art you can drive to the store."

Yet for all his accomplishments and the admiration he has earned, Jimmie Vaughan remains modest when it comes to his life and work. "I'm just trying to have fun like everyone else. I've been playing since I was 13. I play every day. I've never stopped. I can't imagine that I could exist without it."

Checking out his website you find that (besides all the info about his personal and professional life) he has links to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. (jimmievaughan.com)

James Bovard

James Bovard is the author of the newly released *Terrorism & Tyranny: Trampling Freedom, Justice, and Peace to Rid the World of Evil*, as well as six other books. (Read Bill Winter's great book review in the December *LP News*.) He is a frequent contributor to *Playboy*, *American Spectator*, and *Investor's Business Daily*, and has also written for the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, and many other publications.

The Wall Street Journal called Bovard "the roving inspector

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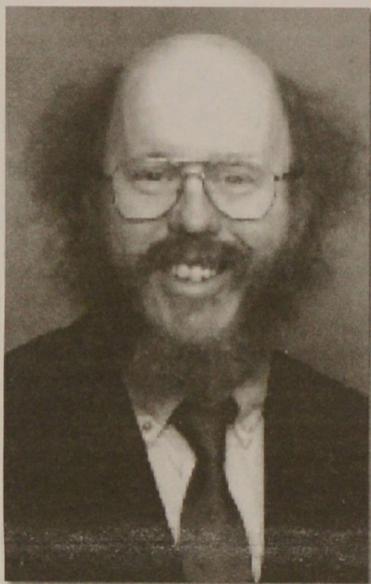
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general of the modern state" and *Washington Post* columnist George Will called him a "one-man truth squad." His 1994 book, *Lost Rights: The Destruction of American Liberty*, received the Free Press Association's Mencken Award as Book of the Year. He received the Thomas Szasz Award for Civil Liberties work, awarded by the Center for Independent Thought, and the Freedom Fund Award from the Firearms Civil Rights Defense Fund of the National Rifle Association.



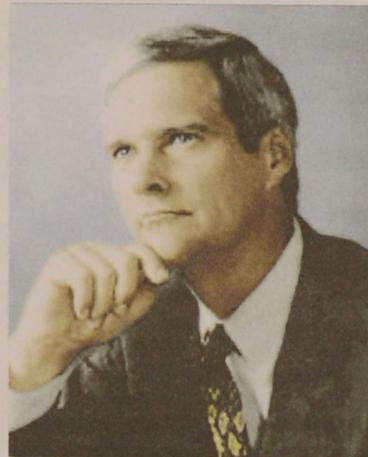
James Bovard

His writings have been publicly denounced by FBI director Louis Freeh, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Postmaster General, the Chiefs of the U.S. International Trade Commission, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as by many U.S. congressmen and senators. Bovard is proud to claim has never been indicted. Way to go, Jim!

Judge James P. Gray

Judge Jim Gray has been a trial judge in Orange County for 19 years. After seeing firsthand the ill effects of the Drug War, he wrote the book *Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It - A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs* published in 2001. Gray says, "It was the culmination of my experience as a former federal prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, criminal defense attorney in the United States Navy JAG Corps, and trial judge in Orange County, California since 1983, experience which had long before had convinced me that our nation's program of drug prohibition was not simply a failure, but a hopeless failure."

In February of 2003 he "felt compelled to join the LP," and is now a Libertarian Candidate for



Judge James P. Gray

U.S. Senate in California (Boxer's seat) in 2004. He says, "Republicans talk about reducing the size of government, but it has increased at the same rate during Republican administrations as in Democratic...and the cost to the private sector in complying with government regulations consumes about nine percent of our gross domestic product."

He also feels that the so-called Patriot Act is "being used in ways totally unrelated to terrorism, but which infringe upon our civil liberties like nothing else in our history. It appears that the people in government behind these acts are working to destroy our civil liberties in order to save them."

This man is an eloquent speaker, has a very impressive resume, and in addition to being a family man, he also likes to sing and has recently composed a musical!

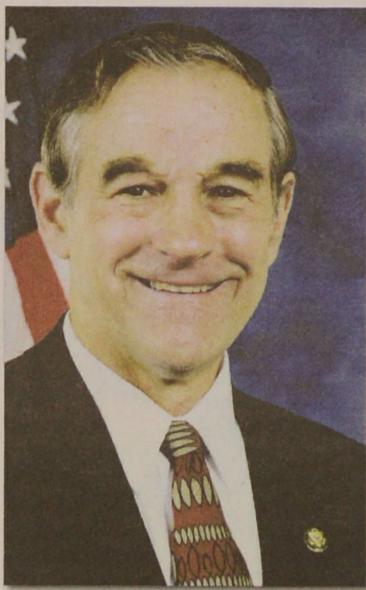
(see more at judgejimgray.com and judgejimgray4senate.com)

Ron Paul, M.D.
(US Congressman, R-Tx)

Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) enjoys a reputation as the premier advocate for liberty in politics. Dr. Paul is the leading spokesman in Washington for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies based on commodity-backed currency.

Ron Paul says: "Man's nature is unchanging, and so are the principles of liberty. And when I raise my hand to swear to Almighty God that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution, I mean it with all my heart, as you would. That's why, before every vote I take, I ask if the legislation under consideration is constitutional. Of course, it virtually never is. That's why they call me, 'Dr. No.' I will not support any bill that violates the Constitution." He consistently adheres to his promise when he votes in Congress.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, he graduated from Gettysburg College and the Duke University School of Medicine, before serving as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960's. He and his family moved to Texas in 1968, where he began his medical practice in Brazoria County. As an Ob/Gyn, Dr. Paul has delivered



Congressman Ron Paul

more than 4,000 babies. (He is an unwavering pro-life advocate.)

Dr. Paul served in Congress from the late 1970's until he voluntarily left in 1984, returning to private life and his medical practice. He left the GOP and became a life member of the Libertarian Party; he ran for and won the LP presidential nomination for the 1988 election year.

He returned to Congress (again as a Republican) in 1997 in the 14th Congressional district of Texas, and plans to run for reelection in 2004 (despite efforts to 'draft' him for president).

Dr. Paul is the author of several books, including *Challenge to Liberty: The Case for Gold*; and *A Republic, If You Can Keep It*. He has been a distinguished counselor to the Ludwig von Mises Institute, and is widely quoted in the fields of monetary policy, banking, and political economy. He has received many awards and honors from organizations such as the NTU, CAGW, the Council for a Competitive Economy, Young Americans for Freedom, and countless others.

He and his wife have five children and have sixteen grandchildren.

Sheriff Richard Mack

Richard Mack worked his way up the ladder in the Provo Police Department, from parking cadet (while in college at BYU) to Detective.

In 1988, Mack moved to Arizona and was elected Sheriff of Graham County, and re-elected in 1992. He was named Elected Official of the Year by the Arizona-New Mexico Coalition of Counties in 1994, just one of many awards he has received. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

In 1994, he challenged the constitutionality of provisions in the "Brady Bill" that compelled states to administer federal programs. He was the first Sheriff in the country to file a lawsuit against the Bill, ultimately winning a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in defense of the 10th

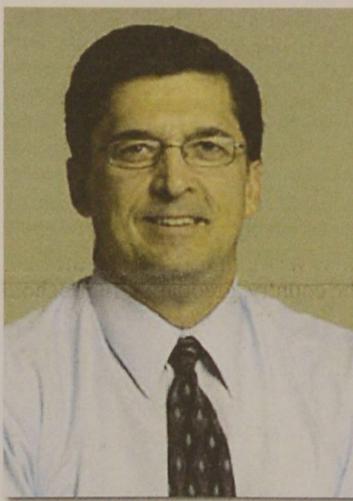
Amendment and State Sovereignty.

Mack has been a consultant on numerous cases regarding police abuse, brutality, and other misconduct by public officials. He has joined with other members of the law enforcement community to speak out in favor of drug policy reform.

Publications authored by Mack include *The Proper Role of Law Enforcement* and *Protect and Serve: Time for Sheriffs to Walk Tall*.

Books co-authored by Mack include, the best seller *From My Cold, Dead Fingers* now in its second printing, and *Government, God, and Freedom*. His new book, co-written with Randy Weaver, is *Vicky, Sam and America*, about the incident in Ruby Ridge, a tragedy Mack says was the result of big government.

"Sheriff" Mack is now back in Utah and running for Governor as a Libertarian. He says Utah's



Sheriff Richard Mack

government needs to take back its land from the federal government, which owns 73 percent of the state. He wants government to stay within its means, go back to the Constitution and for its officials to keep their oaths.

Always involved in his community, he says, "Charity must remain an individual choice or it's not charity, it's Big Brother ... and if you invite Big Brother in to deal with one issue, it'll be involved in all areas." Mack said he doesn't drink, smoke or do drugs, but he also won't support a government that forces other people not to.

David Nolan

David Nolan was the moving force behind the formation of the Libertarian Party, co-founding the LP in 1971; he was the party's first National Chair.

Aside from his key role in founding the LP, Mr. Nolan is probably best known as the originator of the "Nolan Chart," a two-dimensional "map" (like the algebraic x/y-graph) that shows how different political systems relate to one another. This chart has largely replaced the old left-right linear political spectrum. Its impact on political thinking led to Mr. Nolan's being selected for

inclusion in "2000 Leading Intellectuals of the 20th Century," a reference work published by the International Biographical Centre (Cambridge, England).

A "Google" search for the phrase "Nolan Chart" turns up about 900 web pages containing a reference to the chart. Of course it is what many of us use as a recruitment tool, most notably in the form of "The World's Smallest Political Quiz" produced by the Advocates for Self-Government.

This man has made his indelible mark on political ideology – in this country and around the world. Nolan has remained active in the LP all these many years. He has served at times as editor of LP News, chairman of the Platform Committee, chairman of the By-Laws Committee, and chairman of the Judicial Committee. He lives in southern California and is currently the Libertarian Party's candidate for U.S. Representative in California's 47th Congressional District.

In 1996, he received the Libertarian Party's first Thomas Jefferson Award, for "Lifetime Achievement" in advancing the cause of liberty.

He holds a degree in political science from the Massachusetts

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SPECIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND THE LIBERTARIAN COLLEGE STUDENT CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA, GA, ON MAY 27-31, 2004.



ATTENTION STUDENTS!

by Trevor M. Southerland

LIBERTARIAN COLLEGE STUDENT

I would like to encourage all College and "younger" Libertarians to attend the 2004 National Convention in Atlanta.

Myself, along with Nancy Neale, Jim Lark and others look forward to seeing you all there. We are currently in the process of organizing two separate events specifically designed for students. One will be an informal get together to exchange ideas and get to know one another. The second, more formal session, will be to help us develop our material for use in our colleges throughout the nation.

I hope you will come to Atlanta and show that the LP is the party of youth, and that we will continue to grow and prosper.

Please feel free to contact me; I always enjoy hearing from fellow college Libertarians and I so look forward to meeting you all in May.

In Liberty,
Trevor M. Southerland

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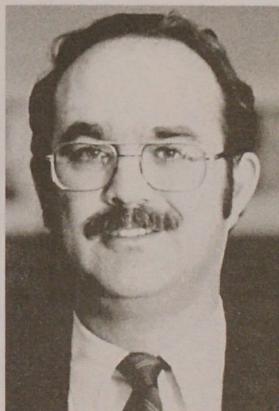


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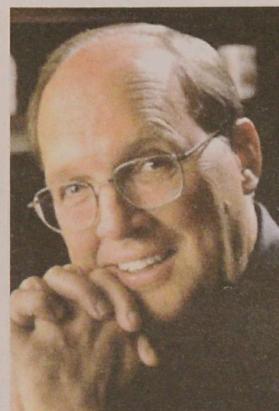
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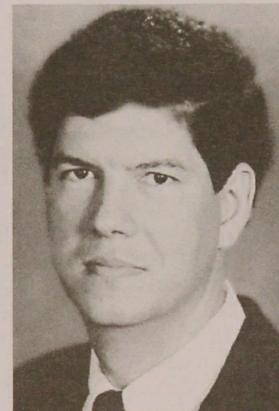
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Ed Thompson



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Carl Milstead, Jr., PhD

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Institute of Technology, and his career has included work in publishing, advertising and marketing.

Vice-Admiral Michael C. Colley, USN (Ret.)

Michael Colley graduated with distinction from the U. S. Naval Academy. He had sea duty assignments on several nuclear powered submarines and was Commanding Officer of the attack submarine NARWHAL. Other operational assignments included command of the submarine tender PROTEUS in Guam and the Navy's largest submarine squadron in Groton, Connecticut. During the Gulf War, he was commander of the Pacific Fleet submarine force of over 40 boats from his headquarters at Pearl Harbor. And the impressive list goes on and on. Later onshore he was Commander for Navy Recruiting helping to bring in some 270,000 high-quality recruits.

He was also Director, Division of Mathematics and Science (including the departments of math, physics, chemistry, oceanography and computer science) at the Naval Academy for three academic years. Since leaving the Navy, Colley has been active in the National Security Policy and Analysis field. (This is one smart guy!)

Having served 34 years in the Navy, he understands the need for a strong national defense, having seen that need firsthand. He says, however, that, "those forces should only be used to defend our society from external coercion and substantive threat. They should not be used to sally forth in an effort to change or influence the actions of other sovereign states unless our own national security is clearly at stake." With all his vast and worldwide experiences he is convinced that "government should be of limited scope. The Constitution is written in such a way as to define government very narrowly. We should simply allow the wisdom of the Founding Fathers to guide us – always."

He is now retired and lives in Alabama.
(Many thanks to the LPAL for this info from their website. —NN)

Neal Boortz

Dubbed "The Mouth of the South" Neal Boortz is the self-proclaimed "High Priest of The Church of the Painful Truth." (Yes, he's a big mouth.) Boortz has been a talk show host in Atlanta, Georgia since 1969, the last ten years on News Talk 750 WSB, which is now syndicated nationwide with nearly four million listeners. *Talkers Magazine* called him one of the "25 Most Important Radio Talk Show Hosts in America" and he was named "News Talk Personality of the Year" in 2002 by Radio and Records Magazine.

His father was a Marine pilot in WWII and he grew up all over the country, graduating high school in Pensacola, FL. He is an Aggie and after leaving Texas A&M he settled in Atlanta. He later attended

law school there, graduating near the top of his class in 1973. He passed the bar before graduation, going immediately into private practice, continuing until signing the contract with WSB in 1992. Until that he never had less than two jobs at any time (in just about every field you can think of).

His first book, *The Terrible Truth About Liberals*, has been through six printings, and he's working on another, *Somebody Has To Say It*.

Boortz joined the LP in 1996 after becoming fed up with big-government Republicans. He is also a licensed pilot and actually flew himself to the Indianapolis Convention in 2002. We are pleased to have him back as a speaker at another National LP Convention. (for more info, visit Boortz.com)

Ed Thompson

Ed Thompson is currently State Chair of the Wisconsin LP. This former mayor of Tomah (about half way between Madison and Eau Claire) says that one of his proudest accomplishments as Mayor was in "opening up city government to the people" which included answering tough questions on a weekly television program. He helped reduce the city's debt by over \$4 million dollars (without resorting to an expected property tax increase) and engineered a settlement with the EPA of a drawn-out lawsuit, saving the city millions more.

He gained prominence in the LP during his extremely active and professional campaign for Wisconsin governor in 2002. After spending several months traveling

around the state on a "listening tour" Thompson made his official announcement on November 15, 2001. He and six of his campaign staff chartered a plane and flew around the state, starting that day on the steps of the capitol in Madison at 8:00am. From there they flew to Milwaukee, Green Bay, Wausau, Superior, and then Eau Claire. Thompson's announcement was the lead story for weeks in several newspapers and television programs around the state. During his gubernatorial campaign, Ed traveled all over the state and attended every possible event. A film crew from NBC's *Today Show* followed him around for three days in April 2002.

Governor of Wisconsin is an

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2004 Convention Schedule Of Events

- Be there Thursday, May 27, for the opening night "Welcome" Reception. There will be on the "Skyline Level" (10th floor) which is open to the atrium. There will be some food (possibly a dessert bar) and some great music. This is the time to meet up with old friends and make new ones. This is also the time when a LOT of internal campaigning and politicking goes on.
- Some pre-convention meetings will take place on the day(s) prior to the official start of Business on Friday. These include Platform, Bylaws, Credentials and an LNC meeting, and possibly a meeting of State Chairs; these are TBD by the respective committees.
- There will be a professionally-run, intensive, all-day Campaign workshop on Thursday. There is a separate charge and admission is limited; check the website for details and how to sign up.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

7 AM	Breakfast with Speaker
8	Welcome Addresses
9	Business Sessions
10	Workshops (2 tracks)
11 PM	Lunch with Speaker
12	Speakers
1	Business Sessions
2	Workshops (2 tracks)
3	Lunch with Speaker
4	Speakers
5	Business Sessions
6	Workshops (2 tracks)
7	Dinner Break (Torch Club Reception - invitation only)
8	Concert featuring Jimmy Vaughan + many other great musicians!
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SATURDAY, MAY 29

Speakers	Breakfast with Speaker
Business Sessions	Workshops (2 tracks)
Lunch with Speaker	Speakers
Business Sessions Presidential Debate (end time TBD)	Workshops (2 tracks)
Dinner Break (Liberty Pledge Reception - invitation only)	Lunch with Speaker
Possible off-site event hosted by Georgia LP	Business Sessions

SUNDAY, MAY 30

Business Sessions	Breakfast with Speaker
Lunch Break (TBD)	Workshop (1 track) "Libertarianism 101"
Business Sessions	Lunch Break
Pre-Banquet Reception	Workshop (1 track) "Libertarianism 101"
Grand Banquet Honoring LP Presidential Candidates + Many Others (dancing afterward)	

MONDAY, MAY 31

Business Sessions
Lunch Break
LNC Meeting

Note:

Some times may be revised slightly as needed.

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office that had been held for 14 years by his brother, Tommy Thompson, now U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, one of the early confirmations in Bush's new Cabinet. (Clearly, the enlightened Ed does not share his brother's political philosophy.)

Ed enjoyed his academics in high school and excelled at extra curricular activities, including football and basketball. After a brief period at the University of Wisconsin, Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy. For a time after that, he worked at the federal prison at Oxford, WI, seeing the inside of our criminal justice system first hand.

Ed grew up working after school and on weekends in his parents' store, learning the value of hard work. He later went into business for himself, purchasing a small grocery store. He continues to be a small business owner of a local supper club in Tomah. He and his "high school sweetheart" wife have four grown children and five grandchildren.

Carl Milsted, Jr., PhD

Carl Milsted is just your average "touchy-feely" physicist. (Huh?) He calls himself a "Libertarian Theoretical Activist" and is known on *Liberty For All* as "The Incrementalist."

He received his B.S. from the University of Richmond (VA), graduation magna cum laude in Physics and Mathematics. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Dallas, specializing in Theoretical Nonlinear Optics.

He joined the LP about the time he graduated from high school, and got more active after finishing all that higher education. He returned to Virginia, getting very active in the late 1990's with the Northern Virginia LP.

Combining his educational background and his politics, he developed the "Enhanced-Precision Political Quiz," (his own version of the two-dimensional political chart), in order to better detect and recruit moderate libertarians. He wrote a software program for PC's to bring his "Quiz2D" to gun shows, fairs, campus and other such events. He later put it on the web.

Dr. Milsted was elected to the LNC as the Alternate for Region 5 at the 2000 Convention. He was subsequently selected to be on the LP's Strategic Planning Team, which met several times during late 2000 and early 2001.

In his "day job" he is a defense contractor, writing software in the fields of satellite tracking and signals intelligence mission planning.

He had begun writing a book on free-market environmentalism, but realizing he didn't have time

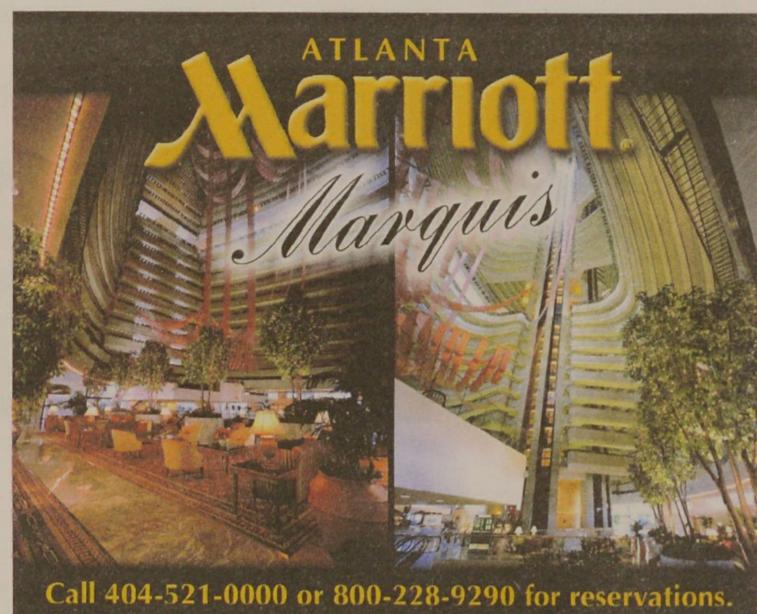
to finish it, switched to creating holisticpolitics.org. The site is designed to recruit libertarians from the left, by showing egalitarian and pro-environment measures that are also steps in the libertarian direction. "I have taken these ideas to very left wing events and groups and gotten a good reception for them," says Milsted. (check out quiz2d.com and holisticpolitics.org)

Dr. James W. Lark

A Life Member of the LP since 1984, James Lark may be best known to Libertarians as the National Chairman for the 2000-2002 term. He served as an At-Large member of the LNC from 1998-2000 and was a member of the LP's Platform Committee in 1991 and 1998, and the Bylaws Committee in 2000. He has been active in many ballot access efforts. Continually striving to serve the party, he currently holds various state (LPVA) and local (in Charlottesville) positions.

Dr. Lark is also well-known as the campus organizing "guru" of the LP, traveling throughout the country on many campus organizing "tours"; he continues to do this, so expect to see him "at a campus near you!" He has also conducted workshops on the subject at countless LP seminars and conventions, both state and national.

He received a B.S. in



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Mathematics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ("Virginia Tech") and is a devoted Hokies fan. He

received a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia (U.Va.), and currently serves as Assistant to the Athletics Director for Special Projects and adjunct professor in the Dept of Systems and Information Engineering at U.Va., and is also a director of the Financial Engineering Research Group there.

Dr. Lark has served as visiting scholar at the Center for the Study

of Public Choice at Virginia Tech.

He was an Earhart Foundation Visiting Fellow at the Center for Research in Government Policy and Business in the Graduate School of Management at the University of Rochester. He has also served as a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is the author of publications in mathematics, operations research, and artificial intelligence. (I also happen to know that the very sober Dr. Lark is a beer aficionado. -NN)

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SILVER (\$239) This mid-priced package includes three (3) Breakfasts with top speakers plus the Sunday Night Banquet, with great speakers and entertainers and honoring our presidential nominee. It also includes the Thursday "Welcome" Reception, plus access to all events in the Mail Hall and all Workshops.

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BASIC (\$49) This is the "bare-bones" package for the truly committed delegate on a shoestring budget. It provides access to the Main Convention Hall, including many key speakers therein.

All Packages come with a Tote Bag, Name Badge and a complete Convention Program book, including the Convention Schedule, Business Agenda and current LP Platform and Bylaws.

"A la carte" meal events will be available for purchase at a later date once we determine exactly which speaker will be at which meal event.

CONCERT (\$25) The Friday night Concert featuring Jimmie Vaughan is a separately ticketed event, and will also include other fantastic (libertarian) musicians.

NOTE: this form is for purchasing admission to Convention events and activities; becoming a credentialed Delegate is a separate process; contact your state party. (1/04)