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LP's health care proposal gets hearing

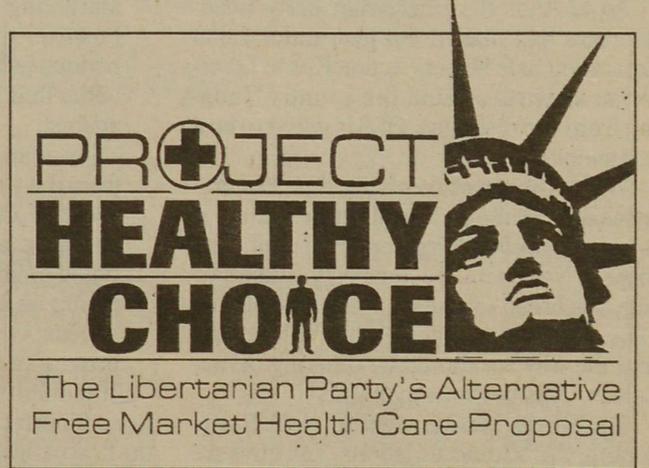
The Libertarian Party took its health care reform lobbying effort into the heart of Capital Hill in August, with a private meeting with the health care advisor for an influential congressman.

LP Communications Director Bill Winter and the Cato Institute's Mike Tanner held a half-hour meeting with David Shulke, the health care policy adviser for Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR) on Aug. 4. The meeting focused on the benefits of medical savings accounts (MSAs), one of the principal planks of the LP's Project Healthy Choice.

"I think we did a pretty good job," said Tanner. "I think we showed (Shulke) that we were credible and serious, and that we were able to communicate beyond philosophical bromides. We were able to show that we had done detailed research and understood the issues."

Tanner is the director of Health & Welfare Studies for the Cato Institute—one of the nation's leading non-partisan libertarian think tanks—and is also one of the authors of Project Healthy Choice.

"I think he (Shulke) emerged with a stronger appreciation of how MSAs will reduce health care costs, which was the key point we were trying to make," said Tanner. "I think he was originally skeptical of that. I won't say we turned him around on that, but I think he left with an understand-



ing of how (MSAs) are supposed to work."

But both Winter and Tanner said the meeting gave them a stark appreciation of the difference between Libertarians and Washington politicians.

"It was clear to me that Shulke was interested in MSAs as a potentially less bitter pill he could force small businesses to swallow, as part of a federally-mandated package," said Winter of the meeting, which was held in the congressman's office in the Longworth Building on Capitol Hill.

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Supreme Court

Latest ratings show inconsistency on liberty

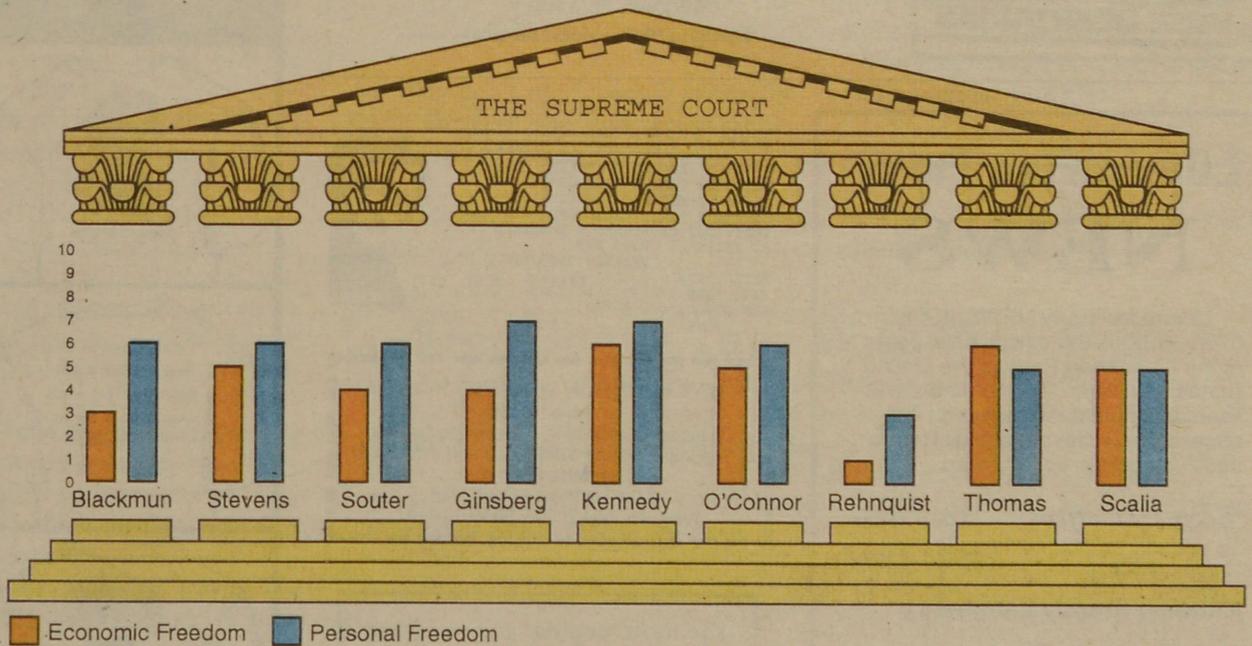
By **DON ERNSBERGER**

The latest session of the United States Supreme Court saw an inconsistent approach to personal and economic liberty by the entire court and by almost all of its members.

Only Justice Kennedy established a pattern of voting that was moderately libertarian. This is a reversal of the last two sessions where the court had a moderately libertarian voting record. The most current session saw Justice Souter, who had an interestingly strong libertarian voting pattern in the past session, move to the political left with negative libertarian votes on several key issues. Traditionally left of center Justices Blackmun and Stevens, who had voted surprisingly well on economic issues last session, returned to their negative patterns on property rights issues.

The Supreme Court met in session from October 1993 until July 1994 and during that time it ruled on about 84 major cases. Of this number, 20 cases dealt with issues that related to major questions of economic and personal rights under law. These included 10 in the areas of economic freedom and 10 in the area of personal liberties.

The following libertarian analysis of the 1993-94 session evaluated these 20 decisions and rated the nine Justices of the Supreme Court. The perspective of this rating is a unique one that abandons the traditional right-left spectrum so often used in American political theory. It substitutes, instead, a two-dimensional approach. Issues of economic freedom are rated on a scale from 0 to 10 (complete economic state regulation of property to pure economic freedom). Issues of personal liberty are rated also from 0 to 10 (complete state control of personal behavior to pure personal liberty). These two perspectives are then cross grid to create two-dimensional coordinates. The effect of this rating is to break the traditional right-left evaluation



pattern and to create four intersections: liberal/conservative/libertarian/authoritarian.

The cases dealing with economic freedom included forfeiture law, commercial speech rights, taxation, and waste management economics. Cases during the session focused on the areas of regulation of business advertising and solicitation, and the limits the Fourth Amendment may place on court forfeiture of property in drug cases. Libertarians, of course, recognize that there should be no laws in the realm of drug usage sales, so any victory in the limitation of forfeiture is a shallow one indeed. The court handed down terrible rulings on taxation issues, but established new positive rulings in the "property takings" area.

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Stern drops out

In early August, Howard Stern, the self-described "King of All Media," syndicated radio talk show host, and the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor of New York, announced he was dropping out of this year's campaign.

The announcement came at a news conference where Stern said, "With much regret, I'm resigning from the

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OSS making impression

As of Aug. 12, Libertarian Party headquarters had mailed out just under 1,000 Operation Safe Streets Action Kits to Libertarian activists around the country. Judging from the response, OSS is going to be a big success.

Within hours of receiving the OSS promotional mailing, Washington State LP activist Tom Isenberg sent an e-mail message to National Director Perry Willis saying, "As I read (about) it, I had a sense that 'This is exactly what we should be doing and the way we should be thinking of ourselves. This is a turning point.'"

Dr. David McCann wrote from Sacramento, CA: "Congratulations. You guys are finally on target!"

And Richard Putman, of Minnesota, wrote National Chair Steve Dasbach with the following comments:

"I've been a Libertarian for over 10 years, and I've never seen a more positive development for the party and liberty than the new approach to

marketing under your leadership. Positive, thought-out programs for serious public concerns is SO much better than just being against, against, against.

It was also very smart to use a card from the traditional politics deck and give the programs names NOBODY could be against. Of course, traditional politicians do that and end up giving us a wolf in sheep's clothing. At least when Libertarians do it the programs actually ARE as named."

In addition to all of the positive responses from Libertarians, Willis announced that the first of the pro-gun display ads has been booked in "Machine Gun News." These ads will appear in the August, September, and October issues, and will also be booked in other publications as funds permit. Willis also spoke before a large pro-gun rally at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, on Aug. 14 (the NEWS will have a report in the next issue).



The Libertarian Party's Solution to America's Epidemic of Violent Crime

Before the end of August, OSS promotional packets were to be mailed to more than 300 radio talk shows around the country, and an op-ed mailing was to go out to newspapers soon afterward.

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Rider in CA running to 'Dump Wilson'

Richard Rider, LP candidate for governor of California, is taking a somewhat unusual approach in his campaign.

Rider is running a full-time campaign designed to siphon votes away from Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, in an effort to discredit him as the "Tax and Spend George Bush of California's Republican Party."

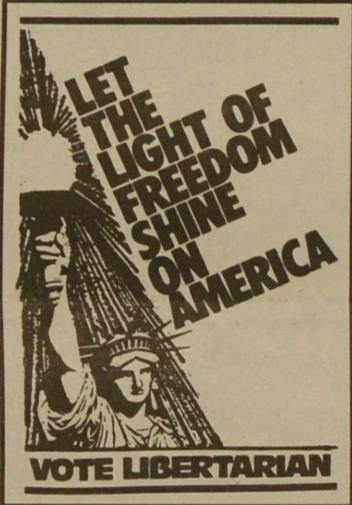
In a recent statement, Rider said he plans to "take out" Wilson, "one way or the other, even if my efforts result in the election of Democrat Kathleen Brown."

But, Rider said, "There is a method to my madness."

Rider said he would like to win the election, of course, but that he realizes "the odds against winning are quite long."

"I see no significant difference between Pete Wilson and Kathleen Brown. Wilson's support for asset forfeiture laws, anti-gun laws, and the motorcycle helmet law also angers me," Rider noted. "But the issue that will drive my campaign is the tax-spend-regulate mentality of Wilson. He's the Typhoid Mary of the California economy."

Rider said he hopes Wilson loses because it is "time the Republican Party stopped running stealth-Democrats for governor."



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"Well, he read the book and asked for more. I gave him a Laissez Faire Books catalog (he bought several books over the phone while I was there) and a CATO catalog.

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2. VICTIMS' RIGHTS:

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3. CRIME-BILL PORK:

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4. COST OF VICTIMLESS CRIMES:

More than 350,000 Americans are in jail today for victimless (or consensual) crimes, such as gambling, drug use, prostitution, sodomy, etc. An additional 1.5 million are on parole or probation. The total cost of arresting and punishing people for these consensual crimes is more than \$50 billion.

5. PRISONS & DRUG PROHIBITION:

In 1991, state prisons, in the aggregate, were operating at 123 percent of capacity. At least 34 states are under court order to reduce the prison population, sometimes requiring the release of criminals—including violent offenders—into the community. Yet, at the same time, nearly 60 percent of all inmates in federal prison have been convicted solely of drug-related offenses.

6. EARLY RELEASE OF VIOLENT CRIMINALS:

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Sentences seldom mean what they say. On average a criminal will serve only 37 percent of any sentence imposed. As a result, 51 percent of all violent offenders are released from jail after serving two years or less, and 76 percent are released after serving four years or less.

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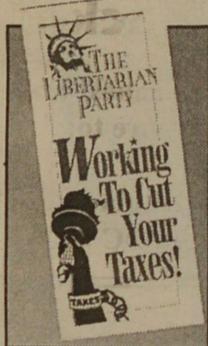
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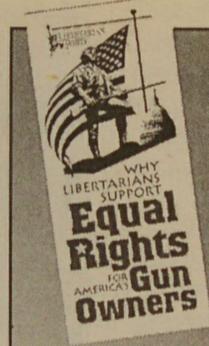
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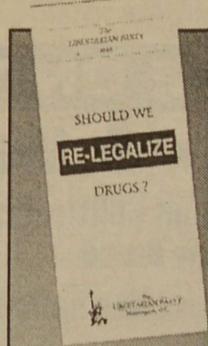
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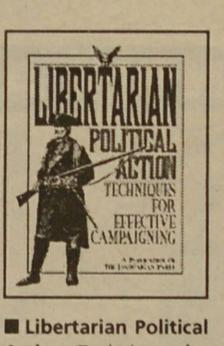
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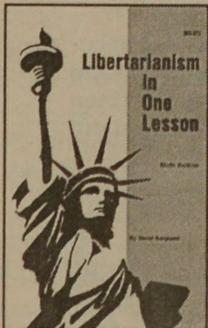


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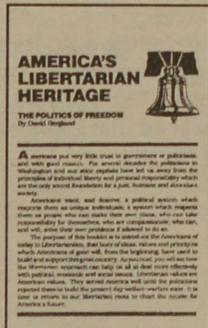
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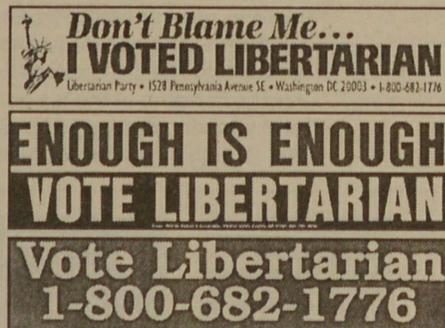
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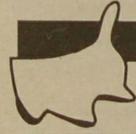
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California

Mike Piazza is running in the Sept. 13 special election to fill a vacated state senate seat. "I think my wife is the only person who thinks I'm going to win," said Piazza to the local newspaper. "Even so, this is an opportunity to showcase some of the ideas that I have." Piazza is the editor of "The Los Angeles Libertarian" newsletter. "There have to be more choices than just Republicans and Democrats," he said. "The system is a charade."

In April, **Art Olivier** was elected to the Bellflower City Council. He became the first elected Libertarian in Los Angeles County. "I'll be looking to cut out waste in the City's budget," he said.

LP member **Jean Taborsky** was recently appointed to a second term on the Bellflower Public Safety and Transportation Commission. Among other duties, the commission advises the city council on law



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enforcement matters, stop signs, and utility tax expenditures.

Michael Everling was named the 1994 winner of the Karl Bray Award for Activism at the state convention earlier this year.

Colorado

A gun rights rally is scheduled for Sept. 25 at the State Capitol. Speakers will include state LP candidates. For more information call the state LP office at 303-837-9393.

Once again the LP booth at the People's Fair in Denver was a huge success. One thousand people took copies of the U.S. Constitution—each copy containing a World's Smallest Political Quiz with state party contact information on the back. Special recognition goes to **Michelle Bethke**, **Bette Rose Brees**, and **Larry Hoffenberg** for their efforts at the fair.

Florida

The state party already can claim electoral victories of three LP members, with

Bill Bragg of Jacksonville and **Dick Bjornseth** and **Dan Walker** of Tallahassee facing no opposition for seats on their local soil and water conservation district boards.

Dean Crumly (Okaloosa Co.) and **Dr. Sylvia Wilson** (Santa Rosa Co.) are the first ballot-qualified Libertarian candidates for county commission in the state. Also running in northwest Florida is **Bob Wilson** for state house, district 4.

In the west-central part of the state, **Paul Crumrine** met the 2,044 petition standard to be ballot-qualified for the state house, district 49 race. Crumrine's Republican opponent attempted but failed to gather 1,079 signatures of registered Republicans

in order to avoid paying a qualifying fee.

If **Dick Vajs** (U.S. House, District 1) and **Michael Kerner** (state house, district 98) are rejected for ballot placement because of insufficient signatures, they and the state party anticipate making a legal challenge in state court to attack Florida's ballot-access standards.

Staffers for the State Senate's Ethics and Elections Committee are considering preliminary drafts of proposed changes to the state election code, according to ballot access expert **Richard Winger**. Dan Walker has submitted a model bill that would significantly reduce the petitioning burden for independents and minor parties.

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NEWS photo by Mike D'Hooge

TO ARMS, TO ARMS - On July 4, **Dean Scott Hodge**, left, and **David M. Holden** participated in the annual Independence Day parade in Bridgeton, MO. Hodge is the LP candidate for the Missouri state house in district 80, and Holden is his campaign treasurer. Hodge dressed in the role of John Q. Adams, while Holden represented a frontier soldier.

"During the parade I called out for the patriots to join us in our cause against the oppressive and unresponsive government and for the hanging of the tax collectors," Hodge said. "The older men and women seemed to have realized that I was not talking about the British Crown and cheered me on!"

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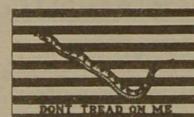
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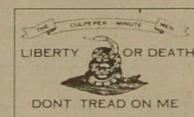
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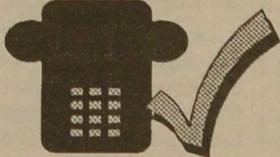
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Minnesota

The gubernatorial team of **Eric Olson** and **Mike Strand** turned in more than 2,500 ballot-access petitions in mid-July. The state requirement for ballot placement was 2,000 signatures.

"Over 75 volunteers helped us gather signatures from all over Minnesota," said Olson.

Third-party and independent challengers have just two weeks to gather signatures. "Minnesota has the shortest petitioning time of any state in the union," said ballot-access expert **Richard Winger**.

"Because we have support throughout Minnesota, we have to allow extra time for petitions to travel through the mail," explained Strand. "This means we have about six days for actual petitioning, just so we can get our signatures from places like Albert Lea or Mankato to St. Paul."

Missouri

State party members claim the primary vote totals were not as high as expected because of negligence by election judges. Several party members and candidates complained they were offered only Democrat or Republican ballots and had to make

special requests for their Libertarian ballot.

Jim Higgins, candidate for the second congressional district, reported that "St. Louis Board of Election officials admit some election judges were ignoring instructions to offer the Libertarian ballot."

Bob Schmedake, candidate for state representative in district 93, said, "I think the St. Louis County Board of Elections did an excellent job of getting the instructions out to the election judges. The problem was, the instructions were not followed by all of the judges. I appreciate that the Board of Elections repeated these instructions to the judges after they received our complaints. I think it is unfortunate that this occurred, but we should recognize the problem at the polls to be one negligence and not bias. Hopefully, this will not happen again."

Because of this election incident, the state party will request that the Secretary of State and all county boards of election should certify in writing the competency of election judges for future elections.

In other news, a stylized Liberty Bell was adopted

as the official logo of the **St. Louis Libertarian Party** recently. Although the name

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HEALTHY CHOICE - Between 1,000 and 2,000 sign-waving, slogan-chanting, sidewalk-filling protesters greeted Hillary Rodham Clinton and her Washington congressional delegation on July 23 at Seattle in one of the largest demonstrations yet against what some refer to as health care "reform."

The groundwork for the demonstration was laid by a working group called the Coalition for Health Care Choice, Quality, and Privacy. The group is composed of about one dozen organizations including the Libertarian Party of Washington State and Citizens for Freedom of Choice in Health Care, a group founded by Libertarian physician Jonathan Wright.

"The party's role in the counter-rally has gotten frequent mention on local talk radio, even an invitation to come on and explain Project Healthy Choice," said Matthew P. McCally, public relations chair of the state LP. "Most importantly though, this event has pointed up the LPWS as the source of ideas about voluntary, cooperative, free-market strategies for improving health care."

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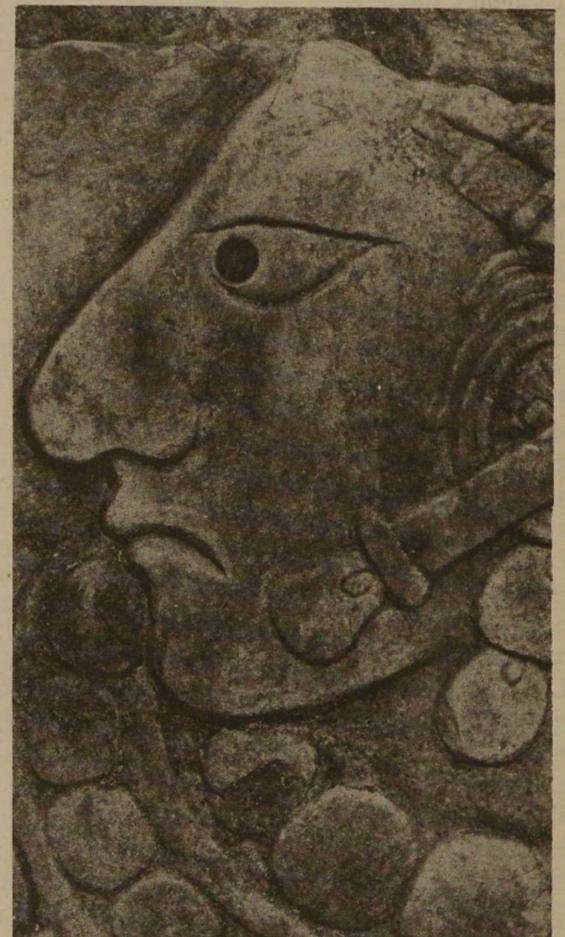
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"On the other hand, we were interested in getting the government out of health care, and letting consumers make decisions."

Tanner agreed, saying, "He was interested in MSAs in the context of a mandate; he was not buying into our entire free market proposal. When we first started talking, it was the way Libertarians talk. We wanted to empower consumers; (we talked about) freedom, and so on. He wanted to talk about how will this affect insurance pools! There was no discussion: 'Is this good or bad?' It's all nuts and bolts."

But Tanner said he learned an important lesson: "It shows that Libertarians and Demopublicans inhabit entirely different worlds. If Libertarians are going to be taken seriously in the political debate, it's going to have to be through efforts like Project Healthy Choice and Operation Safe Streets. The folks in Washington are not interested in philosophical arguments. They are interested in the nuts and bolts of how policies work, and how they will impact their constituents."

Winter did praise Rep. Wyden for agreeing to the meeting. "The fact that Wyden's health care policy adviser met with us is a

New bills no better

"Both the Gephardt health care bill and the Mitchell bill are still the Clinton approach to government-run health care," said LP Chair Steve Dasbach. "And the Clinton plan by any other name will still wreck American health care."

With the House only a week away from beginning floor debate on health care reform, Dasbach, head of America's third-largest party, said, "We're not surprised that President Clinton has endorsed both these bills. They both increase government control, increase taxes, and increase federal bureaucracy—all elements of the original Clinton plan."

Dasbach said the 1,400-page bill proposed by Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-ME), "still contains a job-destroying mandate, however deferred. It requires a government-designed standard benefits package that will limit consumer choice. It contains disguised price controls in the form of a tax on the growth of insurance premiums, which will inevitably lead to rationing. And it will make the private market for health insurance increasingly unstable and expensive, since there are no incentives for consumers to be price sensitive."

Dasbach said the bill proposed by House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) is even worse.

"It vastly expands Medicare, creating a new Medicare Part C, that would cover 95 to 115 million more Americans," said Dasbach. "The real motivation for Medicare Part C can be found in the fact that this new program will bring a total of 130 million-plus Americans into a government-run health care system. This means that about half of all Americans would be receiving their health care from the federal government. Gephardt's plan is just a Trojan Horse for a single payer system."

good sign; it shows that the congressman is willing to at least consider alternatives."

Wyden is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee; its subcommittee on Health and the Environment has had a major role in drafting health care reform legislation. He had expressed interest in meeting with LP representatives to discuss MSAs after debating former LP State Chair Dr. Paul Smith in Clackamas, OR, in February.

Meanwhile, the unprecedented radio blitz for Project Healthy Choice continued over the past month, with four more appearances by LP spokespeople on radio talk

shows around the nation.

- July 29: National LP Chair Steve Dasbach appeared on the Carlotta Bradley show on WDEL Radio in Wilmington, DE. "She read the entire Project Healthy Choice and Operation Safe Streets summaries on the air," reported Dasbach.

- August 3: Mark Seiler, from the LP of North Carolina, was a guest on the Lee Kirk Show on WWWE Radio in Cleveland, OH. "He was real receptive," said Seiler. "He said that he's a Libertarian, too, and that (Project Healthy Choice) sounds wonderful. He spoke glowingly about it."

- August 8: Dasbach was featured on

the Patti Pantane show on 1010 Talk Radio in Palm Springs, CA.

- August 10: Dasbach was a guest on the morning show on KMLB radio in Monroe, LA.

Publicity for Project Healthy Choice also continued in the print media. LP member Dan Warrensford had a piece published on July 22 in *Florida Today*—the Florida state version of *USA Today*—entitled "Reject Dr. Clinton's snake-oil health plan." Warrensford, a regular weekly columnist for the paper, endorsed Project Healthy Choice, and printed the LP's toll-free 800-number.

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But there was the rub. Principle can differ considerably from practice, and the number of separate guarantees which the Founders judged necessary reflect the variety of ways in which King George's minions—like many a tyrant before and since—had found to subvert the proper working of the jury process.

Tyrants can insist they still practice trial by jury while holding trials in secret or after delays of decades. Accusations can be anonymous; defendants can be given no advance knowledge of the charges; judges can order jurors to convict without explaining what the alleged crime was, as in the case of William Penn in London (a case every 18th century resident of "Penn"sylvania knew about).

All these creative abuses the Founders gave much thought to guarding against, so

Commentary

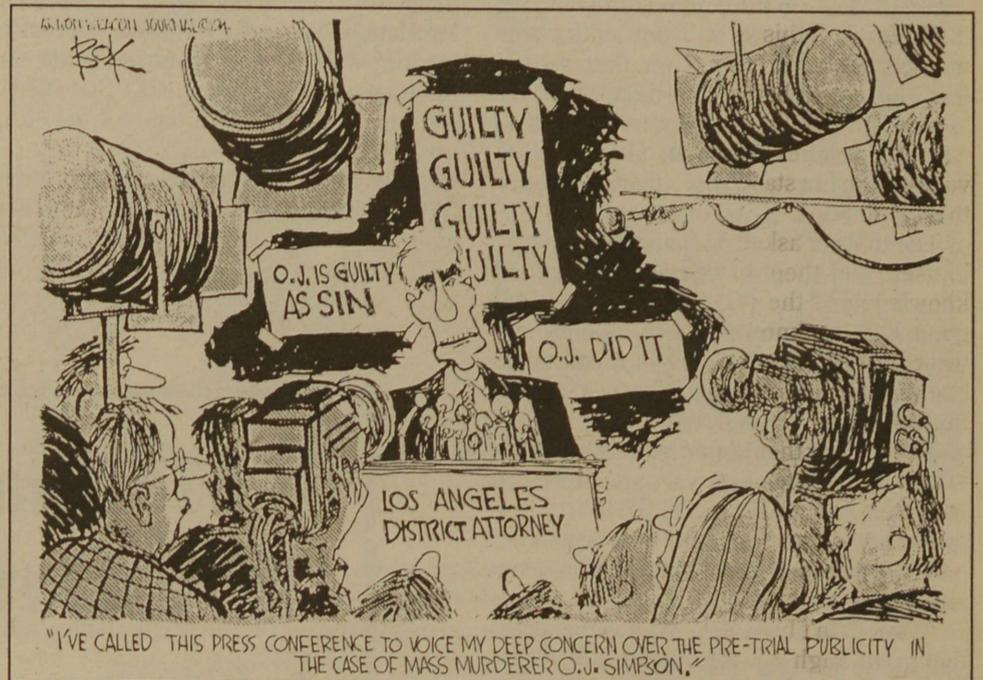
vital was it to protect a jury system which they rightly viewed as the final safeguard of our liberties.

Why final? Because no accused can be jailed or executed unless a jury of 12 citizens unanimously vote to allow it. And, as John Adams made clear before he became the second president, "It is not only (the juror's) right, but his duty . . . to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment, and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court."

Thus, our criminal law is not—repeat, not—based on majority rule. Fifty-one percent of a legislature may enact a law, five out of nine Supreme Court justices may OK it, but so long as one citizen in 12 considers that law an abomination, no convictions can result.

Why, then, if the jury is the final and most powerful body in our political system, do we witness the spectacle today of jurors actually crying as they render verdicts against their own conscience?

Jury tears were evident at the 1990 convictions of Jerry and Darlene Span of Phoe-



nix (for "interfering with federal marshals" despite the fact it was the federal agents who trespassed and beat them up in a case of mistaken identity), Scott and Karen Scarborough of Waterford, MI (framed by a government snitch for "lying to a grand jury" about the snitch's smoke-bombing of a post office), and most famous of all, the Waco survivors, whose jury foreman, Sara Bain, now says she wishes they had set all the Branch Davidians free and ordered the indictment of the federal agents, though she "saw no place on the papers they gave us where there was a way to do that."

Imagine Americans of sound mind exiting the voting booth in tears each November, racked with sobs to realize they have voted for a tyrant who will jail thousands of their innocent neighbors, all because some government official "said they had to."

How did this happen? The lawyers who run our courts have conspired to strip the "ignorant rabble" of our real jury power while maintaining the form that makes it appear that we still practice trial by jury. They've used two tactics:

1) True trial by jury requires randomly-selected juries. But under the guise of "guaranteeing objectivity," judges and prosecutors now use the so-called "voir dire" process to ask prospective jurors whether they would "have any problem sending someone to jail" for using drugs, hoarding ammunition without a license, or what have you. One prospective juror, Dianna Brandborg, was actually sentenced to three days in jail for "contempt" in Denton, TX, this March for refusing to answer 14 of the more than 100 questions on her jury questionnaire, including her salary, what church she belongs to, what kind of car she drives, and what books she reads—information used to stack the most obedient, pro-government jury possible.

It's not supposed to work that way. State prosecutions under the Fugitive Slave Act in the 1850s and alcohol Prohibition in the 1920s were abandoned in large part because randomly-selected juries were almost bound to contain one or more jurors who simply refused to convict anyone drinking or protecting a runaway slave. Such jurors

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would be identified in advance today and quietly shown the side door.

2) Then, with a properly compliant jury selected, judges these days often require a blatantly unconstitutional oath to "apply the law as I give it to you," followed with intricate fill-in-the-blank "instructions," creating the impression the jury is there merely to complete a multiple-choice test, like painting by numbers.

This means one of the greatest moral dilemmas facing an American today is what to do when a judge or prosecutor asks "As a juror, would you have any problem sending this lad to jail for 20 years for (insert bogus crime against the bureaucracy)?"

Do you declare the drug and SEC and gun laws unconstitutional—thus guaranteeing a more malleable dupe will take your seat? Or do you tell less than the truth?

Is it always morally required to tell the whole truth? What if your teenage daughter were hiding in the closet, and the robbers holding you at gunpoint asked if there were any nubile young women about? Would your moral scruples require you to say, "Yes, actually, you missed my half-naked virgin daughter hiding in the closet over there?"

I didn't think so.

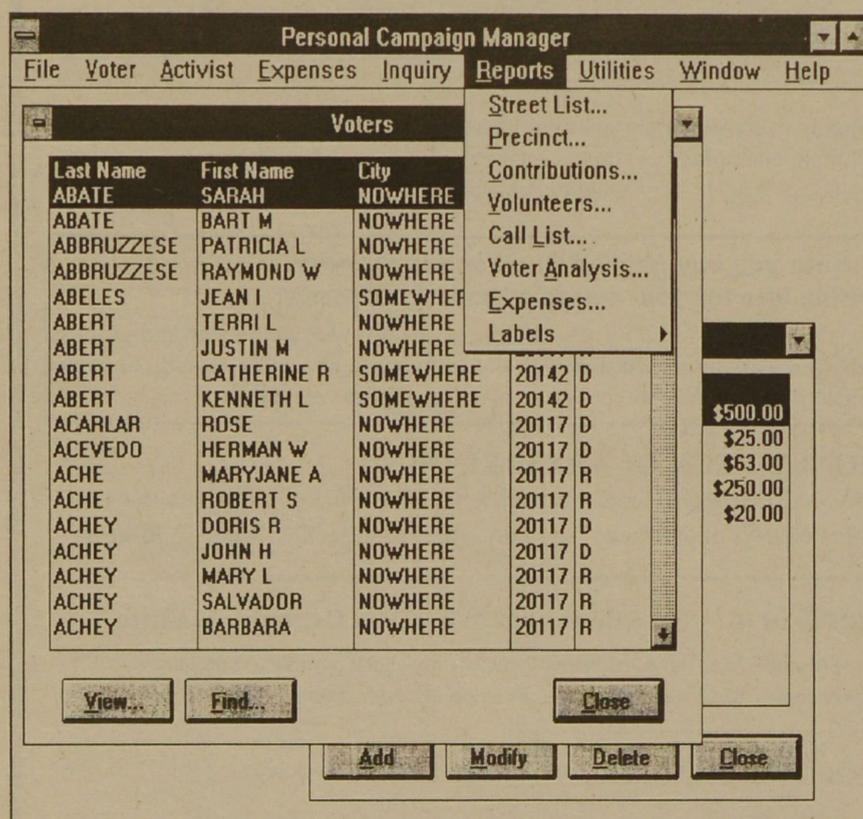
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Rights? What rights?

LP member in PA faces 'trumped up' charges

By RANDY LANGHENRY

On April 30 this year, Libertarian Party member Elmer R. "Bud" Eaton Jr. and his wife Judy were barbecuing in their backyard in Felton, PA, when a state trooper approached. The events that followed speak volumes on the state of gun control laws in this country.

The trooper asked Eaton, 55, to identify himself, and then told Eaton that he had knowledge of the fact that Eaton owned guns. Eaton acknowledged that he owned three handguns, all legally registered—one in 1986 and two in 1993—in his own name.

The trooper then stated that since Eaton was a convicted felon, he was not allowed to own the guns and would have to sell the guns in a "couple of days" or be arrested and the guns confiscated. Eaton was shocked.

Eaton didn't believe he was a convicted felon, although he did realize he had a skeleton in his closet. It seems that in 1961, when Eaton was 23 years old, he stole two tires, two flashlights, one screwdriver, and an automobile jack and jack handle—total value \$53—from two unlocked vehicles. He was caught and pleaded guilty without legal representation to what he thought were misdemeanor charges. He took responsibility for his actions and returned the items to their owners, as well as paid restitution of \$23 along with costs and fines. He received a 6-12 month suspended sentence and was placed on one year probation. The incident was basically "a youthful indiscretion." "You do stupid things when you are young," Eaton said. He then went on with the rest of his life.

Since that time—33 years ago, Eaton said he has had no trouble with the law. He worked as a truck driver until 1982 when he had a disabling accident. Now suddenly, the state police have targeted Eaton as a dangerous felon.

So on that Saturday afternoon when the state trooper dropped by the Eatons' home, Eaton thought quickly and suggested to the trooper that the registration for the guns be transferred to his wife, Judy, who has never had any trouble with the law. The trooper said no problem. The Eatons went to a gun shop, paid the \$35 fee, and transferred the legally registered guns to Judy Eaton's name.

A week later, after Judy had waited the required five-day waiting period and received her validated registration forms for the guns, the trooper changed his mind and said this plan would not work. It seems the guns were still in the Eaton home, and therefore, considered under Bud Eaton's control.

The trooper called back and "told me if I did not tell him where the guns were, he would arrest me," explained Eaton. "I told him the guns were not here and now belonged to my wife and he would have to talk to her."

Mrs. Eaton, who is now the rightful owner of the guns, told the trooper truthfully that the guns were no longer in the home, but she refused to disclose their actual location.

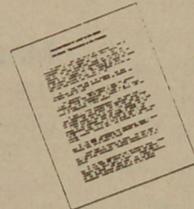
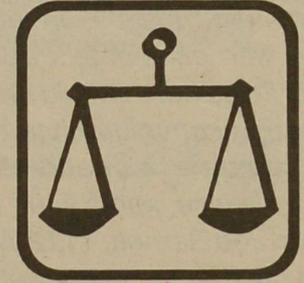
By the way, the Eatons also have a number of rifles in their home. No problem. The law says that as long as those guns are more than 22 inches long, Eaton can own them. Make sense to you?

Eaton now faces a hearing on Sept. 9 for the "owning, possessing, and control of firearms," even though he no longer legally owns, possesses, or controls the fire-

arms. Eaton's lawyer is trying to get the charges dropped, but Eaton is not sure of the outcome. "I do know this is costing me a lot of money for nothing, though," he said.

Why has all this suddenly happened? That's what Eaton wants to know. He does have some ideas.

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Montana

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Candidate support program under way

The Libertarian Party's Campaign Committee chairman, Ron Crickenberger, and the LP's director of communications, Bill Winter, recently sent a package to all identified LP candidates that included:

- A new campaign manual, written especially for the Libertarian candidate. "It's full of sound, time-tested advice, and since there is much more to learn about campaigning than a 30-page handbook can teach, we've included a resource guide to help you in furthering your studies," said Crickenberger. (This manual is also available for sale from the national headquarters; see catalog on page 5.)

- A set of talking point papers, to aid in writing speeches, drafting issue papers, and preparing for debates.

- Answers to the 10 questions most often asked by libertarian candidates.

In addition, other support items are available to help wage a better campaign, including a compilation of television ads, produced by Libertarian candidates from president to state representative. "These are some very good ads, cleverly crafted, and inexpensively produced, to stimulate ideas for your own advertising masterpiece," noted Crickenberger. "There are also some ads which best serve as examples of what not to do.

We included all the Libertarian ads we could find—good, bad, and ugly." Note: Not broadcast quality.

The national office has also purchased copies of the book, "Political Campaigning, a New Decade," by Cathy Allen. Allen has managed dozens of winning campaigns for both Republicans and Democrats. The book is 276 pages in a large format, filled with detailed information on professional campaign management.

"This is the best single book on campaigning I know of," said Crickenberger.

Crickenberger also stated, "Our congressional candidates will very shortly be receiving a support package with a standard brochure, FEC reporting guidelines, and sample issue pamphlets. And we have more support projects coming soon, such as a list of 'friendly' Political Action Committees and campaign management software." Watch for updates on these and other projects in the NEWS.

You can help decide what other products and services the Libertarian National Committee should be offering to candidates. Please let them know what you would like to see provided by dropping a line to: Ron Crickenberger, Campaign 94-96, 1351 New Hope Rd., Locust Grove, GA 30248; 404-957-6825.

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State Representative Dist. #12	Paul Konig	State Representative Dist. #20	Larry Cellucci
State Representative Dist. #12	William J. Pearsall	State Representative Dist. #23	Tony Lekas
State Representative Dist. #13	Bob Kley	State Representative Dist. #24	Andy Borsa
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 State Representative Dist. #9 Joshua Reed Leiter
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 Grafton County
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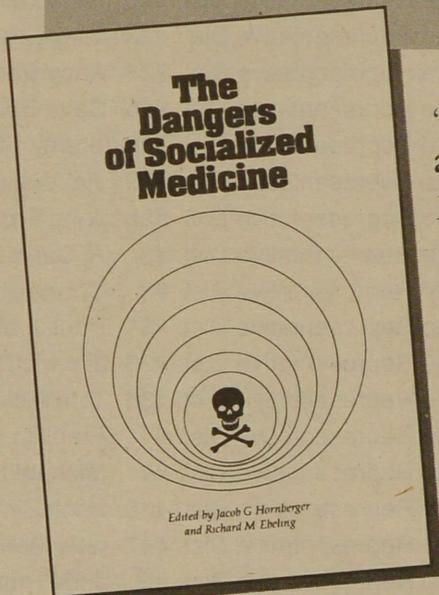
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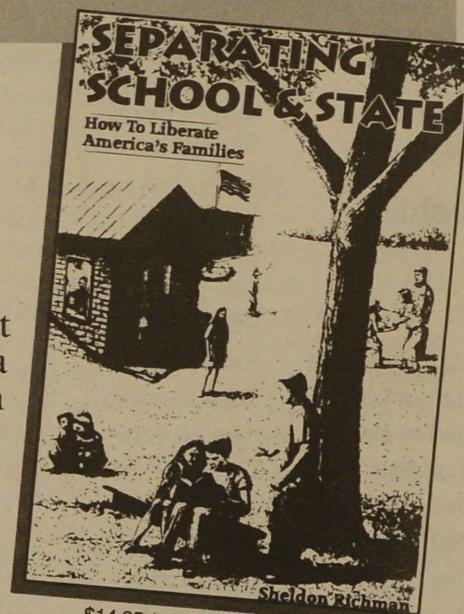
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A-Z update

LP promises co-sponsors to keep pressure on

The A-Z Spending Cut Plan may be almost dead this congressional session, but it will return as a campaign issue this fall and will be reintroduced "on the first day of the 104th Congress."

That was the message from A-Z co-sponsors Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ) and Rep. Bill Zeff (R-NH) at a press conference on Aug. 4 outside the Capitol Building in Washington, DC, which was attended by LP Director of Communications Bill Winter and National Committee member Don Ernsberger.

"The question about A-Z is not if, it's when," said Andrews. "They will not succeed in blocking the A-Z bill. On the first

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— Rep. Rob Andrews

day of the 104th Congress, if the A-Z bill has not been passed [already], the A-Z bill will be reintroduced. The American people want it."

Currently, the A-Z bill requires a discharge petition—signed by 218 congressmen—to bypass the reluctant House leadership and force the bill to the floor of the House. However, it remains stalled at 204 signatures, with the clock ticking away toward the August recess.

Winter met with Zeff and Andrews after the press conference, and promised that the Libertarian Party would help keep the pressure on Congress.

At Winter's request, Zeff's office faxed their "Master Target List" to Libertarian Party HQ, with the names of nine Republicans and 21 Democrats who co-sponsored the original A-Z bill, but have not signed the discharge petition. [See related article for the list.]

Winter also promised Zeff and Andrews that the Libertarian Party will help make A-Z a campaign issue.

During the press conference, Andrews had said, "We're going to take A-Z to campaigns. We're going to invite incumbents and challengers to sign a pledge card (promising to vote for A-Z) if they are elected."

"We'll get copies of this pledge card, and make them available to our congressional candidates," said Winter. "I suspect we'll be able to get 100 percent of our candidates to sign it. Plus, we're going to make available a list of incumbents who haven't signed the A-Z discharge petition, so we can target them."

The A-Z Spending Cut Plan is designed slash billions from the federal budget. It would schedule 56 hours of House time to debate spending cut proposals, with an on-the-record "yes or no" vote for each item. No federal program would be exempt, and no tax increases could be introduced. It would also automatically reduce congressional spending limits, so any savings couldn't be spent on other government programs.

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What Libertarians can do: Call or write your representative in Congress, especially if they are on the "target" list. Tell them to sign the discharge petition for the A-Z Spending Cut Plan.

To contact your U.S. Representative, write: The Hon. _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Or call 202-224-3121, which is the central telephone switchboard for all members of Congress.



A-Z MEETING - Libertarian Party Director of Communications Bill Winter, right, confers with Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ), left, and Rep. Bill Zeff (R-NH) following an A-Z press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

Target list for A-Z

The following nine Republicans and 21 Democrats co-sponsored the original A-Z bill, but have not signed the discharge petition. They are on the "Master Target List" of Rep. Zeff, and are considered most likely to sign the discharge petition. They should be targeted for lobbying.

"Freshman Democrats are [especially] vulnerable," said Barbara Riley, press secretary for Zeff. (Freshman Democrats are denoted with an asterisk.)

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Stupak, Bart (D-MI)
Taylor, Gene (D-MS)*
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tional LP uses the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell is used in Missouri because the Democratic Party uses the Statue of Liberty to represent itself on the state ballot.

Nevada

The state party is filing a lawsuit against the secretary of state after last minute changes in the candidate filing process. State party officials had been told that the party could recruit candidates who were Republicans or Democrats, if the candidates would re-register as Libertarians. "There were several great candidates who should have been LP members all along, but just didn't change their registration until recently," said Scott Kjar, state party secretary. One example was Gary Wood, who joined the LP in March of this year and wanted to seek office.

At the last minute, in fact the very day the LP submitted its candidate list, the secretary of state ruled that all candidates must have changed their voter registration before Sept. 1, 1993. This ruled out several prospective LP candidates.

The lawsuit will attempt to rectify the problems caused by the Secretary of State's flip-flopping on the issue of candidacy.

North Dakota

The state party held an organizing convention in Fargo in mid-August. Joe Knight was sent by the national party to help organize the state affiliate. "We're so deter-

mined to build a growing, energetic, thriving Libertarian Party in North Dakota that we're sending our best organizer," said Steve Dasbach, LP national chair. "We're launching our most comprehensive plan of growth. We're using all our political know-how to recruit members, teach organizing skills, gain media exposure, and build a solid party structure," Dasbach said.

Virginia

"How is it that some guy from Pennsylvania can tell Virginians we can't widen roads until we change the way we inspect cars?" asked Bob Rilee, LP candidate for the state's 10th congressional district.

The "guy" is the head of the EPA, and the issue is whether the federal government can tell Virginia not just what emission standards to set, but how to run inspection stations so as to meet those standards. Currently inspections are handled by service stations, but the feds want the state to set up special centers.

Washington

The July general meeting of the Spokane County LP was canceled on account of fire—a grass and timber fire that threatened the homes of several members of the executive committee. SCLP chair Janice Moerschel was briefly evacuated from her home, and one of the scheduled presenters, Leonard Melman, spent the evening wielding a garden hose, extinguishing embers landing on his roof. Fortunately, everyone escaped unscathed.

Brass Roots

Coon campaign in MI plans 2nd Amendment rally

Jon Coon, Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate in Michigan, has coordinated the first "Brass Roots" Second Amendment rally scheduled for Sept. 25 in Lansing, MI.

The rally is the first step in a national "Brass Roots" movement, according to the Coon campaign. The idea is to collect spent brass cartridges from participants, then melt down those casings to produce a plaque composed entirely of brass from Michigan firearms that will not be given up.

The plaque will be inscribed with Article I, section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, and the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and will be presented to the Michigan legislature on behalf of the gun owners of the state as a reminder of gun owners' political clout.

At least 50,000 people are expected to attend the rally, including special guest rock music star Ted Nugent, Tom Washington, president-elect of the National Rifle Association, and New Hampshire Libertarian State Rep. Finlay Rothhaus.

Although this is and will continue to be a "Jon Coon for U.S. Senate" event—meant to show the gun owners of Michigan where

Coon stands—it will not be a single political party monopoly. There will be Libertarian, Republican, and Democratic speakers and candidates. This rally is not about political parties, it is about one issue—The right to keep and bear arms.

The Coon campaign hopes that between now and 1996, "Brass Roots" will be the theme repeated at Second Amendment rallies and gatherings all over the U.S. They

are hoping it will be a two-year effort to collect spent casings from every firearms owner in America who owns a gun that will never be given up. This nationally collected brass will be used to cast a replica of the Statue of Liberty, inscribed with the Second Amendment, to be presented to Congress at the final "Brass Roots" rally in Washington, DC, just prior to the 1996 elections.

Two last reminders about the rally: 1) Do NOT bring firearms to this family event; and 2) DO bring a SPENT BRASS CARTRIDGE from a gun you won't give up.

For more information call 1-800-JON-COON (in MI) or 810-399 9177; or write the Committee to Elect Jon Coon, 24705 John R., Hazel Park, MI 48030.

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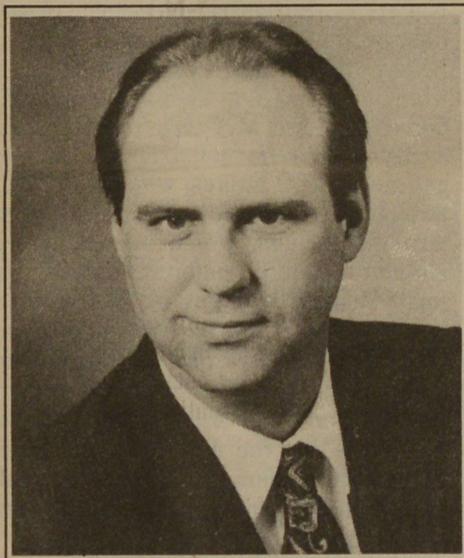
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The Eatons recently wrote to their congressman urging an investigation of the Waco disaster. He has also written numerous letters to the editor of his local newspaper on issues ranging from Waco to the income tax and Social Security. Eaton thinks he has been targeted.

He also believes the government "wants all our weapons. They want to disarm us all in the next five to 10 years," he said.

While waiting for his trial, Eaton is staying busy attending gun rights rallies and calling in to radio talk shows warning others of the actions of the government.

The Eatons are also "living on pins and needles, not knowing if we are going to be searched, raided, etc.," he said.

The NEWS will update this story in a future issue.

Talking points

Intellectual ammunition for Libertarian outreach

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

Issue: Protectionism

While President Clinton and other protectionists are bashing Japan for not permitting more American goods to enter, we might want to point out that U.S. hands are not clean in this regard. In fact, U.S. policies—justified on the same basis as Japan's—are costing American consumers a ton of money.

"If the (Multifiber Agreement quotas) were eliminated, average prices on apparel (domestic and foreign) would drop by 11.4 percent. (B)ecause of our country's sugar policy, Americans are paying more than twice the world price for the sugar they buy in the grocery store, and, of course, more for any products containing sugar. As for . . . peanuts, current peanut import quotas are costing consumers \$353 million yearly."

Doreen L. Brown, president of Consumers for World Trade, from a column in USA Today, Dec. 15, 1993.

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"(Gary) Hufbauer and (Kimberly) Elliott demonstrate (in the new book "Measuring the Costs of Protection in the United States") that counter-vailing duties and anti-dumping penalties on foreign suppliers of steel since 1992 have saved the jobs of 1,239 steel workers each at a cost to consumers of—are you ready for this?—\$835,351."

Hobart Rowen, syndicated columnist specializing in economic affairs, in the Houston Chronicle, Jan. 17, 1994.

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Libertarian talking points

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"Trade barriers are costing American consumers and businesses roughly \$70 billion per year, according to the Institute for International Economics. This amounts to roughly a tax of \$1,000 per family—a tax that hits low-income Americans far harder than their middle- and upper-income neighbors because they spend more of their paltry income on clothing and food."

James Bovard, author of "The Fair Trade Fraud," in column in USA Today, Feb. 16, 1994.

Issue: Personal behavior

Big-brother government is fond of passing popular "sin" taxes on alcohol, cigarettes, and even entertainment.

Felicia Ackerman, a professor of philosophy at Brown university, appears to agree with Libertarians that sin taxes "rest on dubious assumptions. One is the assumption that it is appropriate for the government of a free society to treat its adult citizens the way parents treat small children—by monitoring their personal habits and meting out rewards and punishments for their own good."

Ackerman's column in the Philadelphia Inquirer, July, 17, 1994.

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Are Americans actually becoming more tolerant of behavior that, when advocated, used to be death to Libertarian candidates?

According to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll taken of 1,001 adults nationwide on June 3-6, 1994, there is declining respect for the IRS and increasing tolerance for other behaviors:

"Percentage of people who say they are LESS LIKELY to vote for a presidential candidate who:

Is caught illegally failing to report income to the IRS: 1987, 80%; Now, 69%.

Rented X-rated movies: 1987, 53%; Now, 33%.

Was exempted from military service as a conscientious objector: 1987, 45%; Now, 33%."

USA Today, June 9, 1994.

Issue: Foreign policy

President Clinton talks tough with North Korea, and all the news magazines run stories about how the U.S. military will fight and win if North Korea invades South Korea. The hawks, none of whom, of course, offered to lead the first wave, overlook one important fact: South Koreans aren't scared and they don't want U.S. military intervention:

The "International Outlook" column in Business Week magazine on June 20, 1994, included this observation: "We Koreans don't think the situation is as dangerous as Clinton believes," said civil servant C.H. Park, 29, over the din of disco and rap music from trendy boutiques. Added a salesman walking arm-in-arm with his wife: "Why does the U.S. always try to interfere in our

affairs?" A Gallup poll in mid-May found that 60 percent of South Koreans think the North has nuclear weapons or will get them soon. But less than 12 percent believe there is 'much danger' the North will provoke a war."

Business Week, June 20, 1994.

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The Clinton Administration continues to enforce an economic embargo against Castro's Cuba. The idea is that by violating the rights of Americans to trade with whom they will, the Cuban people will get so angry they will overthrow Castro rather than deal with the Canadian, French, etc. businesses that will gladly trade with them.

Ted Galen Carpenter, director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, thinks it is time to lift the embargo: "Americans need to be more realistic about what embargoes can and cannot accomplish. Applied in a comprehensive fashion, those measures have considerable ability to damage the economy of the target country. But they seldom inflict enough pain on political and military elites to induce either a change of policy or a successful revolt. Typically, economic sanctions devastate the least powerful segments of society, driving the already poor to the brink of destitution while causing the governing class little more than minor inconvenience. In no case is that perverse result more apparent than the embargo imposed on Haiti by the United States, the Organization of American States, and, subsequently, the United Nations. As foreign policy analyst Ian Vasquez has documented, the sanctions have destroyed more than 50 percent of Haiti's private sector jobs. Fuel blockades have forced Haiti's poor to burn scarce wood, causing massive deforestation and soil erosion. Malnutrition, disease, and famine levels throughout the country are approaching epidemic levels. Meanwhile, the soldiers and political elites who are the supposed targets of the embargo profit by hoarding and selling smuggled goods. The sanctions have exacerbated the suffering of Haitian civilians but have not caused the regime to capitulate or be overthrown."

Carpenter's article in Insight, April 25, 1994.

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The self-same hawks in Washington, perhaps hopped up by video games and CNN film of air strikes on Baghdad, call for "surgical airstrikes" as a way to punish the Serbs and end the horrors in Bosnia. Experts, however, urge caution:

Rep. Randy Cunningham (R-CA) was a Navy combat fighter pilot with 300 air missions over Vietnam. He says those missions "taught me harsh lessons about surgical airstrikes: Chiefly, air missions are hardly surgical. Targets are destroyed much less frequently than one might suppose. If we embark on these strikes in Bosnia—or worse, if we allow the United Nations to direct American airstrikes for us—our pilot losses could be great and our impact low." Cunningham notes that "(M)ilitary writer Rick Atkinson, in his Gulf-

war history "Crusade," finds that after millions of air missions, including thousands purposely sent on 'Scud patrols,' battle damage reports cannot conclusively say if we destroyed a single Iraqi Scud site." Those amateurs confidently calling for airstrikes need to know, too, that "Defense Secretary William Perry and Joint Chiefs Chairman John Shalikasvili both caution against American airstrikes. Experience shows that these missions just won't work and they'll get our pilots killed. A similar commitment of ground troops would prove costlier, in human lives and dollars, than Vietnam."

Rep. Cunningham in an article for the Christian Science Monitor, reprinted in the Houston Post, Feb. 20, 1994.

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Rep. Cunningham isn't the only member of Congress to have combat flight skills. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), a member of the Armed Services Committee, also fears the consequences of U.S. airstrikes in Bosnia:

"Since the summer of 1992, I have greeted calls for limited airstrikes in Bosnia with the typical skepticism of a former Navy pilot who has had occasion to closely observe the limits of air power." McCain believes they "violate every lesson learned from our mistakes in Vietnam, Beirut, and Somalia . . ." Sen. McCain's "fear is that the Serbs' reaction (to limited strikes) will beget new NATO strikes, which will beget stronger Serb reactions, which will beget stronger strikes, which ultimately will amount to failure reinforcing failure. The final dilemma wrought by this 'mission creep' will be a choice between deploying ground troops to resolve the conflict and withdrawing in defeat. The first will require our involvement in a long and bloody engagement that the American people will oppose overwhelmingly. The second could cripple all U.S. foreign policy for the duration of this administration."

McCain's article in the Wall Street Journal, April 15, 1994.

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campaign," but added humorously, "but now I will run for Pope."

Stern said he was getting out of the campaign because he refused to comply with the state's financial disclosure laws. "For 25 hours a week I have told you everything about my life," he said, "but there's one fact I will never reveal. I have never told you how much money I have in the bank because it is none of your business."

Stern said when he got in the race his understanding of the financial disclosure laws were that he would have to reveal what stocks he owned and who he did business with, in order to protect against possible conflicts of interest in public office. He said he was willing to do that, but not reveal his income and net worth.

Both the state and the national Libertarian parties issued statements to the press commiserating with Stern over the state financial disclosure laws.

"Libertarians sympathize with Stern's reason for quitting the race," said Bill Winter, LP director of communications. "We're opposed to laws that require candidates to reveal personal financial information;

NH lawsuit

New Hampshire Libertarian activist Paula Werme filed suit recently in Federal District Court against Gov. Steve Merrill, NH Secretary of State William Gardner, and the selectmen in her home town of Mont Vernon.

The suit alleges a violation of civil rights stemming from a denial to Werme's request in January to have a Libertarian ballot clerk appointed in Mont Vernon.

After asking the selectmen's office to have a Libertarian ballot clerk appointed, and offering her services as a Libertarian available for the position, Werme was told only "the two political parties which cast the largest number of votes for governor in the state at the last previous general election" could have inspectors.

"It absolutely never even occurred to me beforehand to check whether or not I had the right to be a ballot clerk," Werme said.

Werme is challenging the law based on her First Amendment right to cast her vote effectively.

Werme is asking the court to order the state to appoint Libertarian election inspectors in time for the state primary election Sept. 13, and for a permanent injunction after that.

they're simply not needed. By threatening to withhold their votes, citizens have total control over what candidates do, or don't, reveal. We wish him luck in his lawsuit to overturn this unfair law."

When Stern dropped out of the race, polls showed him with about 20 percent of the vote. "I really wanted to be governor," he said at his news conference.

Now the New York state LP will select a replacement for Stern. According to Gail Bova, LP state chair, a committee will meet shortly after the deadline for the ballot drive, Aug. 23. At that time, if the party is

successful in gathering the required 15,000 signatures—and Bova said she felt sure the signatures would be gathered—the party will name a new gubernatorial candidate from among several individuals who have expressed an interest.

Stern's lieutenant governor nominee, Stan Dworkin, announced that he would be interested in the nomination, but so had a number of long-time Libertarian activists.

It seems that just because Stern has dropped out of the race, the New York media has not lost interest in the LP. Bova said she has been contacted by quite a few

media outlets with requests for information about Stern's replacement. The media have asked Bova to keep them informed throughout the campaign with releases and information about the LP.

Although Stern was a controversial candidate from the beginning, Bova said during his resignation announcement Stern was very complimentary to the Libertarian Party. He was "very gracious," she said, and he has not completely abandoned the party. Stern has continued to announce locations and times of LP ballot petitioning drives on his radio show.

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By **DIEDRE DENNIS**

The Dietary Supplements Act is ready and rarin' to go. It prevents the FDA from restricting the sale of dietary supplements and allows manufacturers of vitamins, minerals, herbs, etc. to make health claims based on scientific evidence.

The FDA vehemently opposes this legislation, but seems too busy salivating over cigarette regulation to put up much of a fight. As you may recall, the committee on Labor and Human Resources referred the bill to the full Senate for a vote a few months ago—a considerable feat. Unfortunately, the Senate has been busy with important work, like ClintonCare and the Criminal, oops, I mean Crime bill. The Act has plenty of support. Now's the time!

After a bill is referred out of committee, it must be scheduled for a vote. Scheduling is just as political as any other step in a bill's precarious life. In the Senate, a bill can be scheduled for a vote only with the consent of both parties.

Since a Republican, Orrin Hatch, sponsored S784, we can be pretty confident that

Bob Dole, the minority leader in the Senate, will support the scheduling of a vote. In this case, the majority party is the key. The Democrats have an elaborate leadership structure that includes a leader, a whip, a chief deputy whip and dozens of deputy, at-large and assistant whips. These are the people we need to convince.

Even more than most, these legislators seek national support. As leaders of the party, their national ambitions may be very keen. Which means that, although voters in their own districts will have an especially strong influence, the opinion of any voter in the nation is of interest to them. So, as you look over the list of who they are and where they're from, please consider contacting several or all of them.

The Democratic majority leader is George Mitchell (ME). The whip is Wendell Ford (KY). The conference secretary (also a powerful person) is David Pryor (AK). Chief deputy whip is John Breaux (LA). These are the key, key people. A few others with positions of power are Tom Daschle (SD), Daniel Inouye (HI), and Bob Graham (FL).



When you contact these people, you can let them know how much you like the bill and how much you want it passed, but the key is to get them to schedule it for a vote. You might want to focus on the question "When?". We're soooooo close! We've won before. Remember the discharge petition bill! Go for it!

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Political labels

A recent article in Campaigns & Elections magazine highlighted a poll conducted by the Gallup Organization for *USA Today* and CNN.

The poll broke American voters into four categories: populist, liberal, conservative, and libertarian. The latest poll, taken in January 1994, shows 22 percent of the electorate define themselves as libertarian. A similar poll taken in May 1993 showed 19 percent libertarian.

It is also very interesting to note that of those who considered themselves Republicans, 18 percent identified themselves as libertarian, 51 percent as conservative.

But the shocker was of those who identified themselves as Democrats, 21 percent said they were Libertarian, while only 19 percent said they were liberal, only 18 percent conservative, but 25 percent populist.

Of those respondents who identified themselves as independents, 25 percent described themselves as libertarian, the second highest percentage for independents, trailing only conservative with 28 percent.

Letters

Safe Streets, tax relief, rhymes, and more

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Bravo! I received the fund-raiser letter for Operation Safe Streets and have already sent in my contribution and pledge. The plans look very exciting.

I'm glad to see the LP vigorously seeking out the support of American gun owners and have long felt that they are a goldmine of opportunity. With this in mind, several years ago I wrote a pamphlet, "The Libertarian Party: The Only Political Party Supporting the Second Amendment," intended to drive home that very point. It's been widely circulated here on the west coast with much success.

The new ad looks great and I can hardly wait to see it in print. However, I'd like to suggest one small change. Section 1, last paragraph, first sentence . . . "No other political party has such an excellent position. . ." I suggest substituting the word "uncompromising" for the word "excellent." "Excellent" is too general.



Staying in touch

Letters to the editor

"Uncompromising" tells it like it is—and reminds everyone that the Demopublicans compromise.

Perry Martin
Los Angeles, CA

Tax relief

Senate Bill 1829, The Small Investors Tax Relief Act of 1994 should be strongly supported by the Libertarian Party. This bill has three provisions which would markedly benefit the small investor: 1) indexes long term capital gains to inflation; 2) exempts the first \$50,000 in capital

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Let's whip up some phone calls and letter writing support to our congressmen.
Douglas A. Blose, M.D.
Downey, CA

Reinvention

The Clintons and Gore reinventing government are like three loonies in a burning asylum declaring they will reinvent fire.

D.M. Fowle
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Recommended reading

I have just finished reading the most important book of the 1990s. It is "Compromised" by Terry Reed and John Cummings (S.P.I. Books, 1994). Reed is an ex-CIA agent that dropped out in 1987 when he discovered they were shipping tons of cocaine through Mexico to the U.S.

Word has to get out about this book. It has unbelievable amounts of dirt on Bush and Clinton. Basically, Clinton has been a CIA "asset" since the early 1980s. The entire Arkansas bond market, and the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) in particular, was being used to launder CIA dirty money. Whitewater is a smidgen compared to the scandals described in this book.

I strongly recommend "Compromised" to all Libertarians.

Ed Pervin
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Rhyme time

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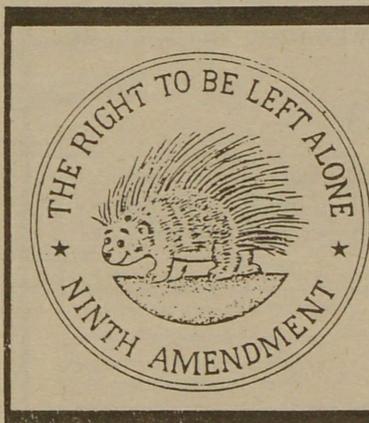
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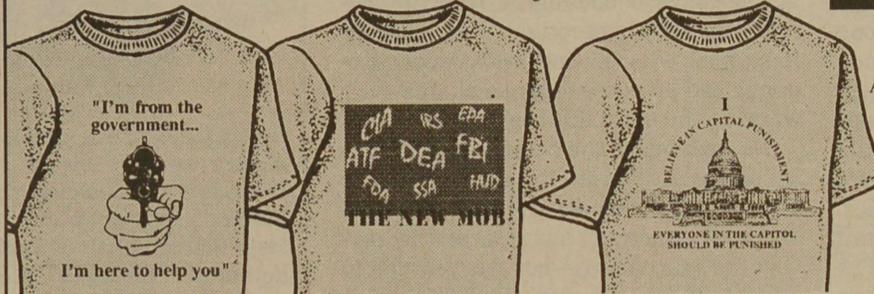
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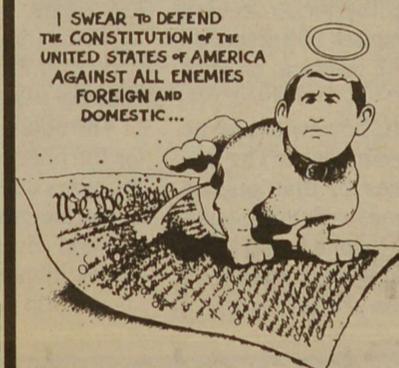
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Ratings

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The cases dealing with personal liberties included traditional protest rights, free speech, and church-state separation. The court took a strong stand in protecting the rights of citizens to express political views on their own private property but limited public property protest rights. The court also restricted the power of government in drug cases, gun ownership cases, and cable TV. However, the court established dangerous rules in all these areas giving government still too much power.

The 1991-92 session ratings had seen a rather clear-cut breakdown of justices along polarized regions. Justices Rehnquist and White generally voted in opposition to both economic liberty and personal freedoms. Justices Scalia and Thomas maintained a positive view of economic rights but were non-supportive of most personal liberties. The two moderates, Kennedy and O'Connor, had mixed voting patterns. The two liberals, Blackmun and Stevens, voted normally for personal and political freedom and were usually found in the anti-property rights orbit. The lone libertarian leaning justice, David Souter, ranked 69 percent on personal rights and 67 percent on economic freedom cases.

The 1992-93 session, however, saw no such systematic pattern emerge. The two highest ranking justices in that session were Souter and Stevens, each voting correctly in 11 of 12 cases. Justice Scalia had a surprising rating of 70 percent combined due to libertarian votes on the issues of

religious freedom, censorship, and the abuses of the dug war. Justice Blackmun, normally not a friend of the property rights concept, voted correctly in a number of cases dealing with commercial free speech. The court as a whole last year voted libertarian 66 percent of the time.

This last session, the court as a whole voted libertarian only 60 percent of the time. Every justice slipped downward on their libertarian ratings. The session saw the establishment of Nolan chart segments that see most justices clustered in the center. The only exception being Justice Rehnquist, who falls into a 10 percent economic and 30 percent personal area—the worst on the court this session.

No member of the court had a libertarian perspective on law this session. Justice Souter voted well for the past two sessions—91.5 percent last year and 69 percent the year before—but this year fell to 50 percent. Souter had very anti-libertarian positions in a number of key cases. Justice Kennedy, who was the swing vote on many key cases, rated 65 percent overall, the highest rating given this session. Kennedy had rated 71 percent last year and 61 percent the year before.

The court as a whole this session found for the libertarian position in 60 percent of the cases heard. The court demonstrated a moderate revival of commercial solicitation and advertising rights, and maintained its traditional positive view of protest and censorship issues.

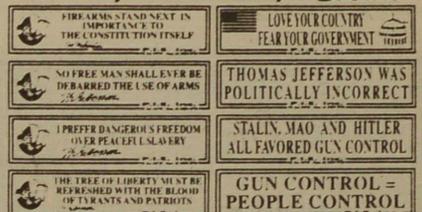


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The court, however, continued to fail to hear appeals by minority parties to oppressive state election and ballot access laws. In four key cases the court voted unanimously against the libertarian position. In general, it was a very poor year for libertarians in the judicial branch of government.

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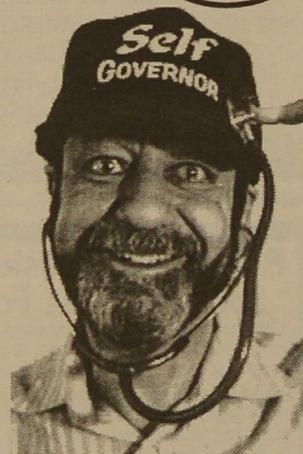
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Jury Rights Day. For information call the Fully Informed Jury Association at 406-793-5550.

Sept. 17, 1994:

MassCANN drug legalization rally, 11:30 a.m., Boston Commons, Boston, MA. Featured speakers include LP candidate for governor, Cristina Crawford. For more information call 617-625-1100.

Sept. 20, 1994:

Operation Safe Streets forum, sponsored by the Central Los Angeles region LP, 7 p.m., Griffith Park Visitors Center, Los Angeles, CA. Speakers include Richard Burns and Orange County Judge James P. Gray. For more information call 213-257-3207.

Oct. 8, 1994:

"An Evening with the Presidents," sponsored by Project Flex '94, a Libertarian political action committee; Radisson Plaza Hotel, 18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA. Speakers include past Libertarian Party presidential candidates John Hospers, Ed Clark, David Bergland, Ron Paul, and Andre Marrou. For information call 714-454-9098.

Oct. 15, 1994:

Maryland LP Convention, Holiday Inn, Frederick; for information call 410-730-7117. Speakers include Julian Simon.

May 20, 1995:

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Presidential evening out

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Each of the former presidential candidates—John Hospers (1972), Ed Clark (1980), David Bergland (1984), Ron Paul (1988), and Andre Marrou (1992)—will be speaking, sharing memories of running on the national ticket, as well as looking forward to the future of the LP. The event will include a cocktail social, a reserved seating dinner, and a multimedia presentation highlighting each of the presidential campaigns, as well as speeches by each of the guests of honor.

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